

Study Guide: "Faith that Condemns the World"

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Introduction

Read Hebrews 11:7.

I. Feared

Read Genesis 6:5-13.

- According to verse 13, what was it that caused Noah to be moved by "reverent fear"? Does this seem harsh?
- What would the world be like today without justice? Have you ever seen injustice? What was it like?
- How are men's hearts described? Is anyone exempt from this description?

II. Constructed

- What was the affect of Noah's obedience in building the ark according to Hebrews 11:7?
- Read Genes 2:5-6. What does this tell us about how the earth was watered? It may be that before Noah's day, rain had never fallen from the sky. Building an ark in the Middle East seems to go against every reasonable thought a man might have, given what he can see and has experienced. The only thing Noah had to go on was God's word. Was this a "leap of faith" on Noah's part? Why or why not? If not, how do you explain the logical steps to get there? (Hint: look at the faith expressed in Hebrews 11:3 and then in verse 6)

III. Became

- Hebrews 11:7 says that Noah became an heir. What is an heir? What does an heir do to receive his or her wealth? Who does the work that earns such wealth?
- Read Genesis 8:21. Was Noah exempt from God's description of men's hearts back in Genesis 6:5? Did the flood fix the problem?
- Read Genesis 9:11. What does God promise? Is there still then a judgment to come? What is the "ark" that will take us through God's judgment?

Wrap-up

- One day the door of the ark will be closed and the flood of judgment will come. Is your faith selective in God's word or do you believe all of it? Is your faith evident to the world? Are you in the ark that is Christ?