"Heroes Of The Faith" – NOAH

INTRODUCTION: <u>Hebrews Ch. 11</u> – Abel ... Enoch ... <u>NOAH</u>.

- <u>11:1</u> What is "faith"?
- It's the OBJECT of our faith that's important. Acts 4:12, 2 Cor. 5:7

11:7 – "things not seen" ... the FLOOD! Genesis 2:5-6

- It took "faith" for Noah to believe God ... the OPPOSITION ...
- People didn't believe Noah ... Why did Noah believe God?
- Noah was 2 generations away from the 1st judgment ... and, another judgment is coming ... <u>2 Peter 3:5-7</u>
- 1.- "warned" A warning because of SIN Genesis 6:5, 11-12
 - God "warned" them, but it went unheeded Genesis 6:13,17
 - WARNINGS in our day also go unheeded, ignored.
- 2.- "not yet seen" Noah only had God's word ... FAITH ... 11:1
 - The Disciples took Jesus' word ... Luke 5:5
 - 11:1 Noah had no "evidence" to back up God's word.
- 3.- "fear" Your beliefs control who you fear, and who you don't fear.
 - Noah didn't fear the ungodly 2 Peter 2:5 ... he took God seriously.
- **4.-** "prepared" His "fear" motivated him to ACTION.
 - Genesis 6:14-15 Specific measurements were given.
 - Noah made his faith <u>PUBLIC</u> ... the Ark was too big to "hide"!
 - God had no "PLANB" ... there's only 1 way to salvation.
 - The Ark was made to float ... let God move, guide you.
- **5.-** "saving of his household" Noah couldn't force his family ... they had to make the decision themselves to go into the Ark.
 - Noah lived a life of integrity Genesis 6:9
- **6.-** "he condemned the world" They ignored Noah's message.
 - Jesus came to "save", not "condemn" John 3:17
 - God waited patiently 1 Peter 3:20, Genesis 6:3
- **7.-** "became heir of the righteous" Noah's "righteousness" was the result of his "faith", not his works or morals.

CONCLUSION:

- God will bring another "flood" ... Matthew 24:36-39
- The "flood" of the "Tribulation Period" comes after the Rapture.
- Are you in the Ark? Psalm 132:8
- Are you letting Jesus "move you along" in your Christian life?

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