Series: Champion of God
Title: Noah, the Champion of Obedience
Text: (Hebrews 11:7)
The Flood is an Incontrovertible Fact.
270 Civilizations have the flood story (Answers/Gen)
(Mt 24:37) Jesus Believed it.
(2 Pet 3:5-7) Willingly Ignorant.

Abel, Champion of Worship. Enoch, Champion of the Daily Walk with God. Noah, The Champion of Obedience.

(Heb 10:38) " the just shall live by faith"All Champions live by Faith, all who live by faith are Champions for God.Noah is no different:

(Heb 11:7) [By faith Noah,]
15x "By Faith" - 3 x "Through Faith"
Faith makes the difference.
(Heb 11:1-2) Faith affects our beliefs.
Our Beliefs affect our Behavior
Our Behavior Affects our Reward (Heb 11:6b)

Our Faith goes Beyond our circumstances.

(Heb 11:7) is a NT Commentary on the OT Facts.

- 1. Never Rained (Gen 2:5-6)
- 2. Lived 100's of miles from an ocean
- 3. Round up and care for the animals.

<u>Illus</u>: God had a plan, He always does, a couple of elephants, some oxen and a few horses would have come in handy don't you think!

It took 120 years to complete! <u>Illus</u>: Village Idiot! <u>Illus</u>: He Preached the entire time! Judgment is coming, Get in the Boat! (2 Pet 2:5) And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

You cannot please Him without Faith! (Heb 11:6) Noah trusted in God to save Him! (Psa 147:11) Have you put your faith and trust in Him for Salvation. (Eph 2:8-9) Only God can save you! Tit 3:5 *His Mercy!*

[being warned of God] *God always gives a warning*.

(Amos 3:7) Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Our faith Comes from "Hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17) Not Logos, but Rhema ~ Utterance Noah had a Word from God!
NOT: Name it & Claim it, but Believe it & Receive it. God's Sheep Hear & Follow: (John 10:26-27)
Do You Hear His Voice?
(Eph 4:21) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: Illus: Can you hear me know!

[of things not seen as yet,]

(Heb 11:1-2) (Gen 6:9) "*Noah walked with God.*" Noah had a Message from God.

[moved with fear,]

This is what made Noah a Champion of Faith! Faith + Fear = Obedience Instant, immediate Obedience.

Faith is Obeying God, inspire of the Circumstances. He did not get a consensus from the family/Friends. (Rom 3:10-18) (Jer 2:14)

Faith + Works = Power (James 2:20) Believe ~ By Live ~ or Live By

Noah Obeyed God Wholeheartedly: (Gen 6:22)

He Obeyed! Illus: True Obedience!Do What your told,When Your Told,With a Good Attitude!

A. What you are told)_

<u>Illus</u>: Partial Obedience is not Obedience! (Gen 6:22) He didn't wait He didn't say, Well Lord, let me pray about it! Obedience Doesn't Need Prayer, Just Execution! **B.** When you are told) <u>Illus</u>: Delayed Obedience is not Obedience! (Heb 11:7) (Gen 22:3) Abram

C. With a Good Attitude)

<u>Illus</u>: Obedience with attitude is not Obedience! (Psa 100:2) Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

God wants us to obey in action, not just in word! (James 2:24) *Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.*

<u>Illus</u>:

Not w/ Eat, but w/ you Digest that makes you Strong! Not you w/Gain, but w/Save that makes you Rich! Not w/ Read, but w/Remember that makes U Learned! Not w/Preach but w/Practice makes you Obedient! Not w/Believe but w/Live makes U a True Believer!

(James 1:22) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
(John 14:15) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Works w/o Faith is Presumption Faith w/o Works is Pretense (Empty Claim) Faith + Works = Power

Husband, do you know that 1 of your wife's top 5 needs is for you to provide leadership in the home.

She does not want to lead! She goes into Self Preservation Mode, b/c you wont!

[prepared an ark]

Keep yourself healthy, God may ask you to do something big when you are older.

[to the saving of his house;]

Husband, it is your privilege to lead your house, but you have that freedom because you are the one God will hold accountable for it.

Good or bad, you are the one who will answer for it.

You work, and sacrifice to provide for your family physically.

You have a Gun, bat, altarm system, smoke detectors, why?

To protect the family from harm.

You would do anything to save the family physically.

Are you willing see them protected & provided for Spiritually?

[by the which he condemned the world,]

Obeying God will seem to others that you are condemning them.

a. God Gave the Warning: Gen 6:13

- b. <u>God Gave the Witness</u>: (2 Pet 2:5) *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*
- c. <u>God gave the Time Limit</u>: Geb 7: 10 And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.
- d. <u>Why the Wait</u>? God was giving man 1 more chance!
- e. (1 Pet 3: 20) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
- f. Get in the Boat!

(1 Pet 4:1-7) *

[4] Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you :

[and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.]

His obedience was rewarded. (Heb 11:6b) (Rom 4:5) (Gen 6:8) Noah went into the Ark a Pauper. Noah Came out, the owner/Possesor of the entire World and its wealth. <u>Noah's Ark</u> Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark. ONE: Don't miss the boat.

TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, God may ask you to do something really big.

FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

SIX: Build your future on high ground.

SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

EIGHT: Don't lament over the talents you don't have. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

NINE: When you're stressed when you don't have clear direction from God; float awhile.

TEN: Don't second guess your gifts God chose for you.

Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

ELEVEN: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.