

The Salvation of Noah

Introduction

Genesis 7:1-12

After the expulsion from Eden of Adam and Eve, wickedness increased among mankind.

- A. A wickedness that even exhausted the longsuffering of Jehovah God.
Genesis 6:5-7

- 1. Noah was an exception among all the men living during his time.
Genesis 6:8-9
 - A. God instructed Noah exactly how to build the ark.
Genesis 6:14-16

 - B. As a result of his obedience, he was saved.
Genesis 7:23

The Salvation of Noah Was Two-fold

1. It was an escape **from** the water

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned **of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear**, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

A. The flood was universal

Genesis 7:4, 17-24

B. This universal flood exhibited divine power, and is intended as a warning for us today.

2 Peter 3:5-7 For this **they willfully forget**: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which **the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water**. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2. It was also an escape by **means of the water.**

1 Peter 3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, **were saved through water.**

A. **The corruption of flesh upon the earth was TOTAL.**

Genesis 6:11-13

B. **We know that contamination by exposure to corruption is the RULE rather than the exception.**

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

1) **We have all seen good teenagers turn bad just because of the company they were around.**

The Salvation of Noah Was by Faith

Hebrews 11:7 By **faith** Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is **according to faith**.

- 1. As “by faith” Noah was saved, it is pertinent to observe that his **obedience** is emphasized.**

Genesis 6:22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Genesis 7:5 And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him.

- 2. The implication is that the faith which saved Noah was a faith made fruitful by his works.**

Romans 1:3-5

Romans 16:25-26 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for **obedience to the faith**--

A. Note: Not obedience “in faith” but rather “to the faith”

- 1) Doing the action that is a result of our faith (belief).**

- 3. “Faith alone” would have resulted in the certain death of Noah and his house!**

James 2:17, 20, 22

The Salvation of Noah Is a “True Likeness” of Salvation from Sin

1 Peter 3:20-21 (“Antitype”)

1. “A true likeness”, is literally an **antitype** which means:
 - A. As the **flood bore** the ark from corruption to purification, so **baptism** “now saves us.”

Acts 22:16 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

2. The significance of baptism that is assessed from 1 Peter 3:21: **Hebrews 9:11-14**

- A. “But the interrogation of a good conscience....”
 - 1) Interrogation: “search, quest, appeal”
 - a) He who submits to baptism in that submission appeals for a conscience void of offence:
 - b) NASB renders, “an appeal to God for a good conscience”
 - 2) Conscience-cleaning is done by the blood of Christ. (Hebrews 9:14 --- **Read again**)
 - a) The blood of Christ cleanses our conscience, thus the essentiality of baptism is further emphasized in 1 Peter 3:21.

Conclusion

1. The salvation of Noah typifies our salvation.

A. Both in attainment and in effect. Notice:

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows **no partiality**. "But in every nation **whoever** fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

FAITH + WORKS = SALVATION

ANTITYPE

(Grk. antitupon, a "counterpart"; Heb 9:24). That which is represented or prefigured by a type. The type may be considered a rough draft, while the antitype is the perfect image. The type is a figure, and antitype is the reality that the type prefigured, as Christ is the antitype of the Paschal Lamb.

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[Antitype]-a fulfillment or completion of an earlier truth revealed in the Bible. Baptism in the New Testament, for example, as an expression of one's salvation, fulfills the function served by Noah's ark in the Old Testament. Thus, Noah's ark was a type, and baptism was an antitype (1 Peter 3:21).

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Hebrews 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, **which are copies of the true**, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;