



## Persevering Faith Pleases God • Part 2

Lesson Forty-One • Hebrews 11:4-7

### PERSEVERING FAITH PLEASES GOD... [See CHART HANDOUT.]

- By living according to the post-fall and pre-flood **PROGRESSION!** (11:4-7)



Saving faith is an obedient faith that perseveres in *worshipping God* and *walking with God* while *working for God*!

- By living according to Habakkuk 2:4 **PATTERN!**  
*"But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul."* (10:38-39 quotes & applies Habakkuk 2:4)
- By living according to the persevering faith **PRINCIPLE!**  
*"Now without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one drawing near to God must keep on believing that He is who He is and proves to be Rewarder of those diligently seeking Him."* (11:6, my translation)

### Persevere in Persevering Faith to Please God!

Keep believing in the **REALITY** of God as He reveals Himself and the **RELIABILITY** of God as Rewarder.  
*Persevere in faith to please God as His faithful martyr (Abel) or faithful believer (Enoch) until your death or your rapture!  
 You won't regret His great reward of future salvation and then some!*

### Persevering Faith **WORKS** for God Fearfully like Noah.

*"By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith."* (v. 7)

#### Why Noah?

- CLIMAX** of the pre-flood dispensation. (Genesis 6:8-9; 7:1; 8:1, 20; 9:1)
- FORESHADOWS** creation, destruction, and re-creation. (Luke 17:26-27; Matthew 24:37-38; Hebrews 11:3, 7)
- PICTURES** of the first Adam and the last Adam, Jesus. (Genesis 1:26-28; 9:1-3; Hebrews 3:1-6; 1 Peter 3:20-22)
- REMINDER** of the *absolute certainty* of God's final judgment and the *absolute necessity* of heeding His warnings – *before there is no longer any hope of being saved!*
- EXAMPLE** of persevering faith that works fearfully to prepare for God's future salvation.

### Persevering Faith Works for God

- Persevering Faith Works by Fearfully **PREPARING** for Future Salvation.

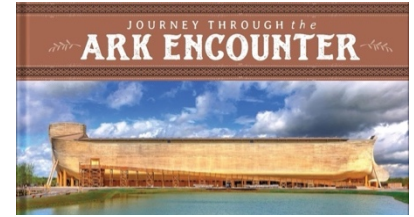
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#### Noah's Background in Genesis 6:8-7:5

- The unseen God speaks His unseen Word to warn about things **NOT YET** seen. (11:3)

➤ The things not yet seen are *future* **SALVATION** through future **JUDGMENT**. (Genesis 6:5-9, 11-15; 7:1)

1. Persevering faith prepares **FAITHFULLY** in the present for our unseen future salvation. (1 Peter 3:20; Hebrews 3:1-6)



2. Persevering faith prepares **FEARFULLY** with reverence, obedience, and perseverance. (5:7; 12:28)

*Saving faith works fearfully with reverence, obedience, and perseverance!*

## 2. Persevering Faith Works by Practically **PROCLAIMING** Future Condemnation.

*"by which [faith working fearfully] he condemned the world"*

*"Loving people means warning people!" – Rico Tice*

➤ By faith we proclaim judgment by *how* we **LIVE**. (Philippians 1:27-28; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10)

### **How Does Living by Persevering Faith Condemn and Hopefully Convict the Unbelieving?**

1. They see how to **HEED** God's warning of future judgment.
2. They see how to **PREPARE** for God's future salvation.
3. They see how to **FEAR** God more than people.
4. They see how to **BRING** others to God's Ark of Salvation.

➤ By faith we proclaim judgment by *what* we **SAY**. (2 Peter 2:4; Luke 17:25)

## 3. Persevering Faith Works by Confidently **POSSESSING** Future Righteousness.

*"by which [faith working fearfully] he condemned the world and became an heir of righteousness which is according to faith."*

### **Flee to God's Ark of Salvation in Christ Alone with a Persevering Faith that Works Fearfully for the Lord!**

Flee to Christ alone for salvation from the fiery wrath to come by means of a persevering faith that fearfully prepares, proclaims, and already possesses God's inheritance of future salvation!

# The PROGRESSION: Persevering Faith Lives on Purpose to Please God! • Hebrews 11:4-7



## The PATTERN: Persevering Faith Lives Out Habakkuk 2:4 to Please God! • Hebrews 10:38-39

GOD	ABEL	ENOCH	NOAH
Hebrews 10:38 / Habakkuk 2:4*  “But My RIGHTEOUS one...”  “shall LIVE...”  “by FAITH: ”	Genesis 4:4-5, 10  “Lord had regard for Abel and his offering”  “The voice of your brother cries out”  -----  “but for Cain and his offering He had no regard.”	Genesis 5:24b  “Enoch pleased God/ walked with God (2x)”  “he was not, for God took him”  -----  PLUS, prophesied God’s future judgment of the ungodly (4x). See Jude 14-15.	Genesis 6:8-9, 14; 7:1, 4-5  “Noah was a righteous man (2x)...blameless... walked with God...Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.” (3x)  “Make for yourself an ark... But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark...” (3x)  -----  “But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord...Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth (3x)...for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.”  PLUS, proclaimed righteousness by his life & lips. See 1 Peter 3:19-20; 2 Peter 2:5; cf. Ezekiel 14:14-20; Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-27.
Hebrews 11:7  “in reverence prepared an ark...heir of the righteousness”  “for the salvation of his household...heir of the righteousness”  “By FAITH....which is according to FAITH.”  “being warned about things not seen...by which [faith] he condemned the world”	Hebrews 11:4  “offered a better sacrifice...he was righteous”  “though he is dead, he still speaks.”  “By FAITH”  “through which [faith] he obtained the approval God testifying...”	Hebrews 11:5  “he was pleasing to God”  “was taken up” (3x)  “By FAITH”  “for he obtained the approval... [from] God.”	

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**The POINT: Persevering Faith Is the Means by Which God Preserves Our Souls for Future Salvation!**

"But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." (Hebrews 10:39)

## The PRINCIPLE: Persevering in Persevering Faith Pleases God! • Hebrews 11:6

STATED NEGATIVELY	STATED POSITIVELY
Now <i>without</i> faith it is <i>impossible</i> to please Him,	for the one <i>drawing</i> near to God <b>must keep believing</b> <b>He is who He is and proves to be Rewarder of those diligently seeking Him.</b>