



Embracing the Necessary Disciplines (Hearing God Before Your Flood)

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Text: Genesis 6:9-22 (NIV)

Big Question: Are you building an Ark for your family?

Five Abilities Ark Builders Must Have

1. They Must be Able to **Hear** God like Noah (Requires Spirituality)
2. They Must be Able to **Resource** Their Ark Construction (Requires Money)
3. They Must be **Able** to Build Their Ark (This Requires Education) ... **Father's Day Sermon**
4. They Must be Able to **Leave** People Behind (Who are you holding on to?)
5. They Must be Willing to **Lose** Everything (What are you willing to lose?)

Hearing God Before Your Flood

Statement:

Every person makes one decision that can determine if they will be safe in the future. Noah was warned that a flood was coming. He had to decide to prepare before the flood waters came. The question in this sermon will focus on the wisdom of preparing before an irreversible consequence occurs.

I. Noah Practiced Hearing God Before the Flood

A. He walked with God before the flood

- 9 This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and **he walked faithfully with God**. 10 Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

B. He did not walk like the people around him

- **11 Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence.** 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 **So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people,** for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.
- **14 So make yourself an ark** of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. 15 This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. 16 Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

- 17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. **Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.**
- 19 You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. 20 Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. 21 You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”22 **Noah did everything just as God commanded him.** ([Genesis 6:9–22](#), NIV)

Note: See the Addendum for more Ark details

II. Noah Avoided the Consequences of Not Hearing God ([Genesis 7:1–10](#), NIV)

Question: Are you hearing God before a flood comes into your life?

A. Noah and his family went into the ark alone (So will you if you build one)

- 7:1 The Lord then said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation.

B. Noah and his family lead the animals into the ark alone

- 2 Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, 3 and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. 4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.”5 And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.

C. Noah and his family escaped the ark and left everyone else

- 7 **And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood.** 8 Pairs of clean and unclean animals of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, 9 male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. ([Genesis 7:1–10](#), NIV)

III. Ten Flood Events That Tried to Close My Ears and Drown Me

1. The flood of **debt** caught me a few times in my life
2. The flood of **tension** caught Diane and I a few times
3. The flood of **insecurity** has tried to drown me several times
4. The flood of **financial** fears and intimidation has attacked me
5. The flood of **age** insecurity has tried to attack me
6. The flood of **sexual** temptation has attacked me (What did you do? **I ran!**)
7. The flood of **academic** insecurity and inadequacy attacked me
8. The flood of **fear** about my future has attacked me
9. The flood of **isolation** has attacked me (I said, where is everybody?)
10. The flood of “**if only**” has attacked me (If I had only.....)

Next Time: Disciplined Enough to Finance Your Ark

Read Ahead: Genesis 6:9-22 (NIV)

Big Question: Do you have the resources to build your ark?

Addendum

1. Facts About the Ark Dimensions

- Length: 450 feet
- Width: 75 feet
- Height: 45 feet
- Estimated Surface Area:
- Approximately 216,000 square feet
- Estimated Volume:
- Around 108,000 cubic feet of wood, assuming structural support
- Material Estimate:
 - 200–300 large cypress (gopher) trees
 - Equivalent to 6–8 Home Depots 'worth of lumber
 - Enough wood to build 65–80 modern houses

2. Professional Description of Noah: The Builder and the Believer

- Vocation: Shipbuilder
- Spiritual Role: Preacher of righteousness
- Modern Equivalent: Construction project manager, disaster relief engineer



- Estimated Salary: \$70,000–\$95,000 for this profession in today’s dollars
- Estimated Staff Size: One source estimates hundreds of workers
- Scripture: Genesis 6:13–22; 2 Peter 2:5