

**NOAH: 'Witness of Faith'**  
**Heb 11:7/Gen 6:5-9**

**THE WICKEDNESS Genesis 6:5-6**

*"The wickedness of man was great upon the earth and that every intent of his heart was only evil continually. 6 The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain."*

1. We can't even begin to understand what Noah faced as far as corruption and evil.
2. If Noah could stand his ground for the Lord in a time darker than ours, so can we!

**THE WARNING Hebrews 11:7a**

*"By faith Noah when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family."*

1. Noah received divine communication from God that judgement against man's wickedness was coming against the whole earth.
2. By faith Noah built an ark in the middle of dry land.
3. Though he was probably called the **greatest fool**, he really exhibited the **greatest faith**.
4. Faith is 'believing in advance' in something that will only seem logical when seen in reverse.

**THE WORKER Genesis 6:8-9**

*"But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time and he walked with God . . ."*

1. The word "favor" or "grace" means that Noah was saved.
2. By faith, Noah believed what God had to say.

3. The writer of Hebrews describes his faithfulness in **three ways**:
  - a. Noah was righteous.
  - b. Noah was blameless.
  - c. Noah walked with God.
4. Noah understood a **5-part principle**:
  - a. There's cumulative value when we invest small amounts of time in certain activities over a long period.
  - b. Conversely, neglect has a cumulative value as well.
  - c. Rarely is there any immediate consequence for neglecting a single installment of an activity.
  - d. In critical areas of life we can **never** make up for lost time.
  - e. Lastly, Noah also realized that there's no cumulative value in allowing what isn't important to interfere with what's important.  
\*This is what distinguishes a 'Man of Faith' from a 'Man of No Faith'. He's consistently faithful in his work, day in and day out.

**THE WITNESS Hebrews 11:7b**

*"By faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith."*

1. Noah's faithful witness along with the visible sign of the ark's presence stood as a beacon of light in a world of darkness.
2. Noah didn't condemn the world, (that's God's job) but Noah's faithful witness condemned all who rejected God's Word.
3. Noah completed the ark which God assigned him to build though it was very costly to him in time, treasure, and talent.
4. God's Word teaches that God rewards those who believe Him and diligently seek Him.

**Question:** In what area of your life is God currently testing your faith? Money? Health? Church? Family? Career?