**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. Hebrews 11:7
		1. “The saving of his house” means his family.
	2. When the *Titanic* set sail on April 10, 1912, it was called an unsinkable ship.
		1. There was the confidence that those who sailed her had in that great ship.
		2. There was a carefree spirit of those on board the ship.
		3. Then, there was sudden calamity.
			1. There were many classes of people on board the ship, but after the calamity, these classes did not matter.
			2. There are really only two classes of people:
				1. Saved
				2. Lost
	3. In today’s world, we are on a type of *Titanic*, and we are also on a collision course with destiny.
		1. After it is all over, there will still be only two classes of people:
			1. The saved.
			2. The lost.
	4. There is a stark difference between the sinking of the *Titanic* and Noah and the ark.
		1. It is vitally important that we get our children off the *Titanic* and onto the ark.
		2. We need to get our families into the ark of safety and prepare, as Noah did, an ark for the saving of our house.
2. noah and his faith (hebrews 11:7)
	1. This passage begins, “By faith Noah.”
		1. This is the same thing that was said regarding the mother and father of Moses.
			1. Hebrews 11:23
			2. Moses was reared by faith.
		2. There is only one way to raise a family in these days in which we live, and that is by faith.
	2. Noah’s faith was a working faith.
		1. By faith Noah prepared an ark.
			1. Hebrews 11:7
		2. Faith is not sitting around doing nothing, saying, “What will be will be, I’m trusting God.”
			1. Faith is belief with legs on it.
		3. Because he had faith, Noah prepared an ark.
	3. Noah’s faith was a waiting faith.
		1. For 120 years, Noah was building the ark with the wrath of God in the foreground and the ring of hammers in the background.
		2. He did this because he had been warned of God.
			1. Hebrews 11:7
			2. His faith was based on the Word of God.
				1. Romans 10:17
			3. It was divine revelation that caused Noah to do what he did.
				1. We will not have faith for our family until we hear from God.
	4. Noah’s faith was willing to stand alone.
		1. Noah was looked upon as being strange, weird, eccentric and out of step with everyone else.
			1. People will look upon us the same way, too.
		2. Don’t try to fit in.
			1. Noah was different, and we must be different.
			2. We must stand alone.
		3. His faith did not depend upon appearances.
			1. Based upon appearance, there was no reason to believe there would be a flood.
				1. As far as we know, it had never even rained upon the Earth.

There was a mist that went up and watered the Earth.

Genesis 2:6

* + - 1. There had never been a universal calamity.
			2. There was nothing to suggest a flood.
				1. Nothing but clear skies.
				2. Nothing but people buying, selling marrying and giving in marriage.

Matthew 24:38

* 1. Noah was different; he had faith.
1. noah and his fear (Hebrews 11:7)
	1. There are two kinds of fear:
		1. The fear of the world.
			1. In the life of Moses, Amram and Jochebed were not afraid of the king’s commandment.
				1. Hebrews 11:23
				2. Correspondingly, young Moses was not afraid to turn his back on Pharaoh.
			2. Amram and Jochebed had no fear of this world because they had the fear of God.
		2. The fear of God.
			1. Noah was moved with fear.
			2. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.
				1. Psalm 111:10
			3. The fear of God does not mean that we are shocked, dismayed or overwhelmed by the thought of God.
			4. The fear of God is love on its knees.
				1. It understands that our God is an awesome, holy God.
	2. People live their lives based on fear every day.
		1. We fear starvation, so we eat.
		2. We fear catching a cold, so we wear overcoats.
		3. We fear those who may break into our homes, so we lock our doors.
		4. We fear being hit by a car, so we look both ways when crossing the street.
		5. We exercise self-preservation every day in many different ways, but the greatest danger that we can face is the wrath of God against our sin and unbelief.
			1. Therefore, any person is wise to be moved with fear to get right with God.
				1. Matthew 10:28
				2. The supreme danger is to stand before God unpardoned, unforgiven and uncleansed.
	3. There is something to be warned about, and Noah was moved with fear.
2. noah and his foresight (hebrews 11:7)
	1. Noah did not wait until it began to rain before he prepared an ark.
		1. He had foresight; he made preparations.
	2. You cannot prepare for eternity when you get there.
		1. You can’t prepare when it begins to rain.
			1. You can’t build the ark then.
	3. We have a generation today that makes no preparation.
		1. Matthew 24:37-38
			1. Jesus gives us in this passage the marks of the last days.
		2. What were the three marks of Noah’s day?
			1. Indifference
				1. Life was just going on.
			2. Immorality
				1. The way they were living life was a stench to God.
				2. Genesis 6
			3. Ignorance
				1. Matthew 24:39
		3. These three marks of Noah’s day are the classic three marks of our generation today.
	4. Noah went against the tide and prepared an ark to the saving of his house.
3. noah and his family (hebrews 11:7)
	1. The Bible teaches household faith.
		1. Acts 11:13-14
		2. Acts 16:15
		3. Acts 16:30-34
	2. Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house, which means his family.
	3. Household faith does not mean that we can believe for our children.
		1. It means that we need to have some foresight and need to make preparation.
		2. We need to be concerned for our children, that they are all aboard the ark of safety.
	4. Noah got his family into the ark.
4. noah and his fortune (hebrews 11:7)
	1. Noah became the heir of righteousness which is by faith.
		1. Hebrews 11:7
	2. Noah also had a great fortune in other ways.
		1. While other people were buying, selling, marrying and giving in marriage, Noah was building the ark.
		2. Perhaps, Noah put everything he had into the building of the ark.
		3. Noah might have been bankrupt as the last nail was driven into the ark.
		4. According to this world, Noah and his family went into the ark a pauper; but when he came out of the ark, he owned the whole world.
			1. Psalm 37:11
	3. The main thing is not necessarily the real estate that Noah had when he came out of the ark, but that he was an heir of righteousness.
		1. The things that really mattered to Noah, he gained by faith.
5. CONCLUSION
	1. Are you on board the good ship of grace?
		1. Is your family on board?
	2. Have you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
	3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. Acts 16:31
		5. John 3:16