

By FAITH...
Hebrews 11:7-19 – Lesson 17

- I. By Faith Noah... Hebrews 11:7
Noah, perhaps more than any person in history illustrates the WORK of faith.
- A. **Responded** to God's Word
1. Setting the **stage** in which Noah **lived**.
It was a time of great wickedness worldwide... "But Noah!" (Genesis 6:8)
 2. God's Word **comes** to **him**.
God warns Noah about the coming cataclysmic event.
 3. Noah **responds** with **obedience**.
He responds with a holy reverence based on his understanding of God. And... he acted on it.
 - a. Obedience is a **holy reverence**.
 - b. Obedience is **practical**.
- B. He was **rebuked** by the world around him.
When faith produces reverent and practical obedience, others will see.
- C. He **received** God's **righteousness**.
Noah lived a beautiful life that pleased God. His faith led to his salvation from God.
- II. By Faith Abraham... Hebrews 11:8-19
He was the father of the Hebrew race, but more importantly, the father of the Faithful.
- A. What are the five **features** of faith?
1. **Pilgrimage** of faith
Abraham's obedience was an outward evidence of his inward faith.
 2. **Patience** of faith
Abraham waited all his life for the land of promise that he himself never possessed.
 3. **Power** of faith
Abraham was certain God would do what He said He would do, because He IS God.
 4. **Positiveness** of faith
Abraham saw through the eyes of faith, the ultimate fulfillment of the promises.
 5. **Proof** of faith
Abraham was willing to give back to God everything that he had, the proof of his faith.
- B. We are able to exhibit the features of faith...
1. By **fixing** our eyes on Jesus
 2. By **fixing** our eyes on our **eternal home**

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