FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 23:

NOAH & SONS THE WORLD'S FIRST SHIP BUILDERS (PART 2)

Reading: Genesis 6:7 - 14

Introduction

- · Noah's world was a fascinating world.
- It was a young earth, just over 1500 years after creation.
- There was no rain. A mist watered the ground.
- Noah was 9 generations from Adam.
- Average age pre-flood was 912.
- Noah lived till he was 950.
- The earth was over crowded, wicked and ear marked for judgement.
- Noah the 'sinner' became Noah the 'trophy of grace.'

1 The PERSEVERANCE Of Noah

- Despite having no church or pastoral support Noah persevered.
- Like a salmon, he swam against the stream.
- True faith has a persevering quality. [Matthew 24:13].
- Noah was in a minority but he 'endured to the end'.

2 The WALK Of Noah [Genesis 6:9]

- True faith has a distinctive walk.
- · Walking with God implies togetherness/companionship.
- Consider: [Isaiah 40:31], [Micah 6:8], [Romans 8:4], [Romans 13:13],
 [Ephesians 5:2] & [Ephesians 5:15].
- · Noah survived & thrived in his day because of his walk.

3 The FAITH Of Noah

- There's a number of different types of faith involved in the Christian walk.
- Saving faith [Ephesians 2:8]
- The Gift of faith [1 Corinthians 12:9]
- Everyday faith. [Hebrews 11:7].
- Faith is the conviction that what God says in true and will undoubtedly happen.
- · Question: Do you believe what God has said to you?
- True faith demonstrates itself by being obedient.

4 The OBEDIENCE Of Noah

- Obedience is a vital element of true faith.
- Noah obeyed. [Genesis 6:22/7:5].
- Consider the immensity of the task God gave Noah but he was obedient.
- · His obedience brought blessing.