



We won't be able to say we didn't know

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2 PETER 2:4-5 NKJV – (4) For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; **(5)** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

The Biblical record provides only a glimpse of Noah's activities in the days leading up the flood, and most of the narrative in Genesis is focused on his work in building the ark. Nevertheless, we can make a reasonable assumption that Noah preached about the coming flood to his neighbors and community during the 100 years required to complete the ark.

First, we know from **Genesis 6** that Noah was a blameless man, which means he lived a godly lifestyle before others. Furthermore, **2 Peter 2** tells us Noah was a preacher of righteousness: Knowing that Noah was a preacher proclaiming God's truth in some form to the people of his day and given his godly character, we can assume Noah preached about the approaching flood and the need to repent. Furthermore, offering the world such a warning would be in keeping with God's character, since God typically gives opportunity for repentance prior to His judgments.

If Noah did warn the world, the world obviously chose to ignore his warnings, because the Bible teaches that the world was taken by surprise when the flood came. The fact that the world was caught off guard by the flood does not prove that Noah never preached concerning the coming judgment. It only tells us that the world paid no attention to the warnings. But let's look at another scripture that was written by the Apostle Paul after Noah but the details were before Noah, **ROMANS 1:20-21**.

Now after reading **ROMANS 1:20-21**, Paul tells us that His creation reveals enough of Him to make a major difference in our lives. Failure to keep the first commandment is the major reason why this world is in its current condition. Had mankind kept it, the natural, spiritual progression would have led him to keep the rest because he would then, at the very least, have had the correct Source of law and morality. Without keeping this commandment, the best that man can do in establishing standards is by his own experience, and that leads him directly to Satan!

Jesus steps in. We can do nothing for ourselves. Jesus, we need you. We need a Savior. Jesus receives you as His own! Eternal life.

This is how it works in a nut shell. Should one disagree with the line above this one, remember, you will not be able to say you didn't know.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Money can buy you a crucifix, but it can't get you a Savior.