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The recent floods that occurred because of the recent hurricanes caused great devastation. These floods changed everything for the victims. Their lifestyles, their living arrangements, even their physical possessions were changed by flooding.

The flood of Noah's day also changed everything. Some scientists suggest that plant and animal life had to adapt to the changes after the flood that took place when the entire earth was covered with water. Noah's flood certainly changed the life for Noah and his family

In Hebrews 11:7 the inspired writer said, "***By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.***"

In all probability those who suffered loss during the recent hurricane floods learned some important lessons. But what lessons can we learn from a study of Noah's flood?

God's Judgment Is Coming. While Noah prepared the ark he warned of the coming flood and God's judgment on the world's wickedness. Noah knew God was serious about judgment. People did not heed his warning and perished. Today we have been warned in God's word that judgment is coming (Hebrews 9:27), but people are not heeding that warning. Our faith in God's judgment will change everything.

The importance of obedience. One of the greatest lessons we learn from Noah's flood is the necessity of obeying God. In the Hebrews passage, Noah obeyed God and prepared the ark according to God's plans. The building of the ark was accomplished through faith. The opening words of Hebrews 11:7 is "by faith." Noah, even though in all probability it had never rained before, believed God that it would rain and cover the entire earth with water. We too must believe God. This will change everything.

The possibility of living the right way in a wicked world. Our world today is full of violence and wicked deeds, just like it was in Noah's world. But Noah lived his life in faith and trust in God and obeying God. He showed to us that it is possible to live righteously when the whole world is ungodly. The text says, "he condemned the world and became heir of righteousness." We can do the same today. This will change everything.

The need to proclaim the gospel to the lost world. Noah proclaimed God's word even when no one would listen. Souls are in jeopardy today, just like in Noah's day. Noah continued to preach even though he saw no results. We need to do the same. Just as the flood purged Noah's world of wickedness, the flood of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can purge evil today. We must, like Noah, tell people of God's judgment and of the importance of obedience. This will change everything.