

Genesis

Lesson #6

Return Church

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

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Genesis

A study of the beginning

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The Flood

Genesis 6:1-7

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years. There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.

Genesis 6:1-7 NKJV

Genesis 6:8-13

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three son: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **Genesis 6:8-13 NKJV**

Divine Judgement

- The Bible doesn't give us a lot of detail of the first 2,000 years of history between Adam and Noah.
- We have 2,000 years from the Garden of Eden to the flood and that is 1/3 of the total time of the time of this created world. For that amount of time, the Bible only gives us 9 chapters.
- In Genesis 4 and 5, we see the genealogies of Cain and Seth.
- We see an interesting thing about Enoch. *And Enoch walked with God, and he was not; for God took him. **Genesis 5:24 NKJV***
- We see that people lived to be very old during that time. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old.
- When we get to Genesis 6, this passage sets the stage for the flood.
- This explains why God brought judgment upon the earth.
- In fact, this passage is all about **God's divine judgement**. There are a lot of people in the world today that have a real problem with a God that judges' sin.

God has 2 equal sides

Love

- Grace
- Mercy
- Compassion
- Forgiving
- Giving
- Freedom
- The Lamb
- God loves the sinner

Judgement

- Truth
- Holiness
- Justice
- By no means clear the guilty
- Restraint
- The fence
- The Lion
- God hates the sin

The love of God

- There are many churches all over the world that teach about the love of God. They accept and love everybody. They tolerate all kinds of sinful behaviors. In fact, the word tolerance is a key word for the modern-day church.
- Their parishioners are very comfortable because they come to church week after week and there is no preaching about a God that hates and judges' sin.
- They only hear about God's love, grace, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. These are all great attributes of God, and we all need to hear about these.
- But a God of love that doesn't judge sin would not be a holy, fair or just God.
- In fact, if you mention to many people today, that God is not pleased with their sinful behavior, they say you are a hater, or that you are judging them.
- Our God, the one true God, Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth. He loves the sinner but hates the sin.
- He must judge sin because He is a just, holy, and righteous God, as much as He is a God of love.

God is holy

- What if God wasn't holy? What if He were not fair and just?
- What if when we got to the judgement seat, God would let evil, wicked, unregenerated people into heaven and send the righteous to hell?
- The entire order of the universe would be disrupted if this were true. It would be like the planets of the solar system losing their orbits.
- Don't be upset because God is holy, just and righteous. You should thank God every day because He is.
- Yes, God is a God of love, but He is also a holy, just and fair God that must judge sin.

The sons of God

That **the sons of God** saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.....There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God** came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. **Genesis 6:2,4 NKJV**

- Who are the sons of God?
- Theologians are very divided on this. This is another one of those scriptures that they argue over. The modern church is about 50/50 on this issue.
- There are two main views of who the sons of God are in this passage:
 1. Some believe they are fallen angels that were marrying human women.
 2. Others believe that this was the godly line of Seth marrying the ungodly line of Cain.

The sons of God

Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. ***Job 1:6 NKJV***

When the morning stars sang together, and all **the sons of God** shouted for joy? ***Job 38:7 NKJV***

Then *Micaiah* said, Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and **all the host of heaven** standing by, on His right hand and on His left. ***1 Kings 22:19 NKJV***

When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in **his heavenly court**. ***Deuteronomy 32:8 NLT***

(Dead Sea Scrolls, reads the number of the sons of God, and Greek reads the number of the angels of God; but the Masoretic Text reads the number of the sons of Israel.)

The Divine Counsel

God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the **gods**. How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*. Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free *them* from the hand of the wicked. They do not know, nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are unstable. I said, **You are gods**, and all of you *are* children of the Most High. But you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all nations. ***Psalms 82:1-8 NKJV***

- God was rebuking the gods, (the divine counsel).
- They were judging unjustly and showing partiality to the wicked.
- God wanted them to defend the poor and orphans. And help the poor and needy.
- God was telling them that they will die like men.

Jesus quoted Psalms 82

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, You are gods? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You are blaspheming, because I said, I am the Son of God? ***John 10:34-36 NKJV***

Jesus referred to and quoted Psalms 82.

Were the sons of God fallen angels?

Angels don't marry.

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven. ***Matthew 22:30 NKJV***

For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ***Mark 12:25 NKJV***

But many think that maybe fallen angels do?

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ***Jude 1:6 NKJV***

Fallen angels

- Many theologians think it was the fallen angels that married the women in Noah's day.
- The book of Enoch says it was fallen angels, but the book of Enoch was not a part of the divinely inspired scriptures.
- My problem with this idea is this: would a fallen angel or a demon marry a woman? The Bible says that angels don't marry.
- Plus, I can't imagine a wicked violent demon dropping on a knee and proposing to someone.

The godly line of Seth

- Others believe that the sons of God in Genesis 6, are the men of the line of Seth, or the godly line.
- Cain and Abel represent these 2 lines of people. The ungodly and the godly. Cain murders Abel, then Seth is born, appointed, God has appointed a replacement for Abel or a substitute.
- Genesis 5 reminds us that Adam was made in the image and likeness of God. So, man could be referred to as sons of God. Seth could be called a son of God.
- In this view, the godly line of Seth was intermarrying the ungodly line of Cain.
- Being unequally yoked is a big deal to God, both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament.

Don't marry an unbeliever

When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are about to enter and occupy, he will clear away many nations ahead of you: the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. These seven nations are greater and more numerous than you. When the Lord your God hands these nations over to you and you conquer them, you must completely destroy them. Make no treaties with them and show them no mercy. You must not intermarry with them. Do not let your daughters and sons marry their sons and daughters, for they will lead your children away from me to worship other gods. Then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and he will quickly destroy you.

Deuteronomy 7:1-4 NLT

Don't be unequally yoked

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? ***II Corinthians 6:14-16 NKJV***

Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together. ***Deuteronomy 22:10 NIV***

Who were the giants?

There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. **Genesis 6:4 NKJV**

- **Nephilim:** to fall, to fall upon, giant, to attack, a bully or tyrant.
- Could mean fallen ones or violent men who caused others to fall.
- Nephilim are violent people. Invaders falling on people that they attack. No one could stand before them.
- Could be the offspring of fallen angels and human women.
- This would make them ½ human and ½ angels.
- They were possibly demonic creatures that were wicked, corrupt and violent.
- They were filling the earth with violence.

Hero's of their day

Those *were* the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown. ***Genesis 6:4 NKJV***

- **Mighty** men – hero's.
- **Hebrew** - *shame*; renown, honor, authority, character, famous, glory, reputation.
- They were the hero's of old. The celebrities of that day. The earth had become very corrupt and wicked.
- Society actually looked up to these violent men as their role models.
- There is a haunting parallel with our society today.

Either way

Fallen Angels

The earth was full of these demonic creatures that were ½ human and ½ fallen angels. They were corrupt and violent, they were everybody's hero's, the society looked up to them. They were so evil and wicked that God had to wipe out the entire earth.

Line of Seth

Or, God was trying to preserve a godly line of people, but they intermarried and the ungodly converted the godly to their ways, to the point that they were totally corrupt, wicked and violent. It got so bad, that God had to destroy the earth.

The condition of the world

Whether you believe it was fallen angels marrying the human women and their off-spring were demonic creatures, or whether it was the godly marrying the ungodly and their off-spring became ungodly, it doesn't matter, the net effect was the same, unbridled evil, corruption, violence and wickedness on a global scale.

We have now had the first 2,000 years of history on the earth, and life east of Eden wasn't going so well for the human race.

Wickedness - Evil

Then the Lord saw that the **wickedness** of man was great in the earth, and *that* **every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. **Genesis 6:5-7 NKJV**

Wickedness – Evil - *rah*; bad, **evil**, adversity, affliction, calamity, distress, grief, **harm**, **hurt**, mischief, misery, **naughty**, sad, sorrow, trouble, **wickedness**, wretchedness, **wrong**.

The world was corrupt & violent

The earth also was **corrupt** before God, and the earth was filled with **violence**. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was **corrupt**; for all flesh had **corrupted** their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with **violence** through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **Genesis 6:11-13 NKJV**

- **Corrupt** - *shaw-khath'*; to decay, to ruin, corrupt, to destroy, perish, waste, be spoiled, be injured, to **pervert**.
- **Violence** - *khaw-mawce'*; violence, wrong; **unjust gain**, **cruelty**, damage, **injustice**, **oppressor**, unrighteous, violent.

Corrupt and violent

- The world was corrupt and violent in everyway.
 - Physically, emotionally, culturally, sexually.
- Just imagine all of the sinful behaviors.
 - Murder, rape, theft, oppression, injustice, greed.
 - Sexual immorality and perversion of all kinds.
 - You could list hundreds of sins.
- The world had grown so corrupt, wicked, evil and violent, that God's heart was pained.
- This is what brought the flood from God.
- This is what brought God's divine judgment upon the world.

God's pain

And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever.....Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. **Genesis 6:3,5-7 NKJV**

- The Lord's Spirit was striving with man.
- He was not willing to continue to strive.
- The Lord was sorry that He had made man.
- **Every** intent, of the thoughts of men's hearts were **only** evil **continually**.
- God was grieved in His heart.
- God's heart was filled with pain.

The meaning of history

The tears of God are the meaning of history. Nicholas Wolterstorff

- In the garden man said to God, we don't want you, we don't trust you.
- The big question is this: why is there another verse after that? Why didn't God simply wipe out the human race right there and then?
- Because God decided to weep, to suffer, and get very vulnerable.
- We see God suffering for the sins of the world. There is history because God was willing to suffer.
- The history of the world is a history of our deliverance and how God had to suffer for us to be delivered.
- How can God be a judge and a lover? How can God be a God of truth and grace? Holiness and compassion? Because He suffers.
- When Adam and Eve sinned, God allowed history to go on, because He chose to suffer.

This is what brought on the flood

- The flood is about second chances, about mankind getting a new beginning.
- When people ask why would God kill everything by bringing on a world-wide flood. They are saying that they only understand one side of God's nature, the God of love.
- The question should be, why not? Of course he had to judge the world.
- God is a holy, just and righteous God. He must judge sin, it is His nature.
- Just like God is love, God is also a God of judgment.
- The corruption and violence had become so great, that God had to flood the earth.

God is holy and loving

- The flood points to the solution.
- In the flood we see salvation through judgment.
- God puts Noah and his family in an ark and in comes the flood.
- The flood stops the human violence and corruption. It cleans up the earth.
- Yes, God is judging the violence, but he is also saving the world, He is giving the world a second chance.
- The same water that drowns everybody else, actually lifts Noah and his family up.
- The people that believed in the promises of God were saved.

Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord

*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord....Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. **Genesis 6***

- How did Noah find favor with God?
- It because it was because he was a man of faith, who believed God and God made him righteous.
- He found it by grace. He found it, he did not earn it.
- Noah was a sinner, his righteousness is imputed to him by faith.
- He found it by grace through faith through the promise of God.

Faith

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.

Hebrews 11:7 NKJV

- It took Noah and his 3 sons somewhere between 55 and 75 years to build this massive ark.
- Just think of the ridicule, scorn and mocking they had to endure. Nobody believed in the message Noah was preaching.
- But because of Noah's faith in the Lord, he stayed true, he obeyed the Lord by doing this seeming impossible task that took years to build.

A preacher of righteousness

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;
II Peter 2:5 NKJV

- Noah preached to the world that a flood was coming. I'm sure he told everyone to repent that God's divine judgment was coming soon.
- The Bible doesn't record that he had one single convert.
- Only his 7 family members got on the ark with him.
- By today's standards, people would say that he failed as a minister, but God doesn't ask us to be successful, He ask us to be faithful.
- Hitler had millions follow him. Noah had 7 family members. Who was the better leader, the man that did the right thing, not the one who had millions of followers.

Noah – saved by grace through faith

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Genesis 3:15 NKJV

- We know that Noah was saved by grace through faith just like Abel was saved and not Cain. They all had the promise of Genesis 3:15.
- It doesn't appear they had a lot of revelation upon the earth, but we do know that Noah knew to take 7 of all the clean animals into the Ark.
- And we do know that as soon as he got off of the ark, that the first thing he did was build an altar, because Noah knew he couldn't save himself.
- His faith was in God, his faith was in a coming savior, His faith was in the grace of God to save him, not in his own works.

Atonement

Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and **cover** it inside and outside with **pitch**. *Genesis 6:14 NKJV*

- **Cover** - kaw-far'; to cover with pitch, to cover over, to expiate or condone, to cancel, appease, **make atonement**, cleanse, forgive, be merciful, pardon, purge, reconciliation, propitiate, atone for sin.
- **Pitch** - ko'-fer; a cover, a village (as covered in); (as used for coating), a **redemption**-price, pitch, ransom, satisfaction, sum of money, price of a life.
- The ark was a picture, a type a shadow of Jesus Christ the Messiah, the savior of the world.

Gods love and God's judgment

- We see the divine judgment of God as the flood destroys everyone and everything on the earth.
- And we see the mercy and grace of God saving His people, Noah and his family, in the ark.
- God judged the earth so he might save the earth.

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You shall make a **window** for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it *with* lower, second, and third *decks*. **Genesis 6:16 NKJV**

- **window** - tso'-har; a light, window, dual double light, noon, midday.

God had Noah build a window that shined light into the ark from above. God supernaturally cause the wild and tame animals to live in perfect peace and harmony with Noah and his family.

So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the **window** of the ark which he had made. **Genesis 8:6 NKJV**

- khal-lone'; a window.

And the Lord shut the door

On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark—they and every beast after its kind, all cattle after their kind, every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.... and the Lord shut him in. **Genesis 8:13-16 NKJV**

- What all went inside the ark?
- The Lord shut the door.
- It rained for 40 days and 40 nights.
- The ark came to rest after 150 days on Mt Ararat.
- Noah sends out a raven and a dove.
- Noah and his family were on the ark about 370 days, or just over 1 full year.

Built an altar

So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, *and* whatever creeps on the earth, according to their families, went out of the ark. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma.

Genesis 8:18-21 NKJV

- Noah built an altar.
- He demonstrated his faith in the gospel, in the grace of God.
- The Lord was pleased.
- Burning flesh stinks in the natural, but the Bible says it was a soothing aroma to the Lord.

Day and night

Then the Lord said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease. **Genesis 8:21-22 NKJV**

- The 4 seasons had just been interrupted for one entire year.
- God promised never again, while the earth remains, you can always count on day and night and the 4 seasons of time.
- Do you ever get really stressed at 5 am thinking that the sun may not rise today? No, of course not. Neither should you get depressed thinking that your situation will never change.

