



Genesis 6:1-4—Noah: Part 1  
From Sermon 8.2.20

Read *Genesis 6:1-4*

Review from Sunday's sermon: We live in some of the craziest times in history. It's so very difficult to understand people, evil, and calamity. It's sometimes just has hard to understand God's plan. Our days intimately parallel those of Noah. The world had spiraled into gross sin and immorality. Part of the darkness was man inviting in and communing with the demonic—creating a hybrid race of giants. God's patience has run out and judgment is imminent.

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1. Genesis 6 read: "*...the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*" Who were these "sons of God", and how do we know? They were angelic beings, namely demons. Whether they fell at this point in history or in Satan's fall at Creation, we cannot be sure. Multiple other passages in Scripture confirm their identity. See also *Job 1:6 & 33:4 & 7*

2. Besides Satan taking the form of the Serpent in Genesis 3, we have no biblical support for demons materializing and/or taking human form. Therefore, what conclusion did Skip point out regarding their ability to procreate? They were spiritual beings that possessed actual men.

2a. Do we believe demonic possession is still possible today? Absolutely. In fact, we believe it to be on the rise again and evident in numerous ways.

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3. This possessing of men and procreating with women was an egregious sin, even for demons. Once God destroyed the race at the flood, what happened to these disobedient demons? See *1 Peter 3:19-20*, *2 Peter 2:4-5*, *Jude 6*, & *Revelation 9:13-15*. These were sent to the darkest spiritual dungeons (the abyss). They will remain there until the Great Tribulation, when they will be released to be agents of God's wrath on the unbelieving world.

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4. Because this and other bible accounts are so strange and scary, how have many (even in the Church) addressed them? Dismissed them. Wrote them off as symbolic (we all have to face our giants) or downplayed as hyperbole: they were just tall, big people...but, not actual giants. Same thing they do with the miracles of Jesus and they unimaginable events of Revelation.

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5. As if this demonic possession wasn't bizarre and tragic enough, what was the result of their cohabitation with mankind? They produced a hybrid race of giants that became a generational plague to God's people. Many teach that they were all wiped out at the flood and never resurfaced again. While this generation would have certainly died in the Flood, other scriptures show us the cycle was repeated after the flood as well.

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5a. What wording in this week's text previewed their return? "There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward..."

5b. Where else in Israel's history do we see theses giants and how did they antagonize God's people?

- *Numbers 13:33*—As Moses and Joshua approach the Promised Land, the giants are some of the first inhabitants they encounter. They will be a thorn in their side for generations
- *1 Samuel 17:4*—The Philistines had enlisted one of these family of giants to taunt and battle God's armies in the time of Saul and David.