



Genesis 6:5-12—Noah Part 2
From Sermon 8.9.20

Read *Genesis 6:5-12*

Review from Sunday's sermon: The series of events in Genesis 6 are extraordinary. So much so, that many have dismissed them as myth, legend, or literary hyperbole. There's also a trend to downplay the flood judgment to, somehow, get God off the hook at judgmental and wrathful. We must take the Scriptures in their intended literal context, as we do any other portion or narrative. At this point in biblical history, God has passed judgment on all mankind (all living things) and promises destruction.

1. On Sunday, what was cited as the indisputable evidence that Genesis 6 is to be taken literally? See Luke 17:26-27. Jesus Himself confirmed the Noah/Flood story. He did not teach as myth or symbolism.

1a. In fact, Jesus compared the days of Noah to what other time period? The End Times/His return.

2. Re-read verses 5 & 11 in Genesis 6. How bad had the world become prior to the Flood? Only evil continually. Man's preoccupation was devising sin without limit. Filled with violence

2a. This shows us (again) God's condemnation of man is not based on mere Behavior issues, but Heart, Mind, and Spirit ones. Which means: no human solutions will solve world's problems or stop the coming judgment. Things such as laws, education, spending, & programs won't change the human heart or inherited sin nature.

[Interesting note: Verse 11 actually is a separate indictment. Man is addressed in verse 5. Verse 11 states that the World itself (creation. all things) was corrupted and violent]

3. Read *2 Peter 3:3-7*. There are many lessons and applications for the believer, found in Genesis 6. But, for those living near or in the end times, what is probably the greatest admonition? Not "have more faith", not "be of good courage", & not even "trust the promises of God". But: Wake up! See the obvious and forewarned signs of times!

4. As you look at the events of our day, where do you see the world heading, viewed through the biblical perspective? Various personal answers. But, things are getting worse at lightening speed. The world is just as described in the Noah account.

5. Would God have been totally justified in destroying all living things vs. sparing Noah, his family, and the representatives of the animal kingdom? Absolutely

5a. Why did God choose Noah for physical and spiritual salvation? We have no idea. Noah and his family were sinners, just as the rest of the mankind. His election was purely by God's sovereign will. The saving faith Noah demonstrated was a gift of God. See *Ephesians 2:8 & Hebrews 11:6-7*

6. What is the difference between Noah's salvation and ours? In Substance: Nothing. He was saved in the very same way. (Grace, faith, imputed righteousness) The only difference is time/era. He was before the Cross of Christ and we are after. Noah's faith was in what Christ would do. Ours in what Christ did.