

Genesis 6-7

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SERMON NOTES

Genesis

In the beginning...

If there is no avoiding spiritual erosion, is there any hope of finding redemption?

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1. Humanity's capacity for depravity
2. The possibility of holiness
3. The righteous judgment of God
4. The hope of God's grace

Genesis 6:1-4

"...in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the water*."

- 1 Peter 3:19-20

"And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day."

- Jude 6

"There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak were part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

- Numbers 13:33

"The point of this cryptic passage, whichever way we take it, is that a new stage has been reached in the progress of evil, with God's bounds overstepped in yet another realm...more important than the detail of this episode is it's indication that man is beyond self-help, whether the Seth-ites have betrayed their calling, or demonic powers have gained a stranglehold."

- Derek Kidner

Genesis 6:5-7:24

4 ways our time parallels Noah's:

1. A population explosion (v. 1)
2. The unbridled pursuit and distortion of sexual passion and desire (v. 2-4)
3. An obsession with darkness and evil (v. 5)
4. The pervasiveness of violence (v. 11-13)

"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?"
- *Jeremiah 17:9*

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- *Romans 3:23*

"No literature is more realistic and honest in facing harsh facts of life than the Bible."
- Eugene Peterson

"The modern church is missing a good, healthy fear of God. Fear is only part of a relationship with God, and I am not proposing that we forget the love of God. However fear seems to be the part that we most easily forget, and maybe that is why Scripture mentions it so often."
- Dr. Dan Zink

"If you've never stood before God and been afraid, then you've probably never stood before the real God."
- Steve Brown, *What Was I Thinking?*

- God alone has the right to define good and evil, right and wrong.
- God's judgment against sin is righteous.
- God is gracious to anyone who is willing to repent from their sin.
- God's patience with our sin and rebellion is not infinite.

"Noah is a splendid example of the attentive believer, eager to hear what God is saying and ready to do what he commands."
- Raymond Brown, *The Message of Hebrews*

What did Jesus have to say about this passage?

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be."
- *Matthew 24:37-39*

“These Gospel narratives are telling you not what you should do but what God has done. The birth of the Son of God into the world is a gospel, good news, an announcement. You don’t save yourself. God has come to save you.”

- Tim Keller