

SALT Church

Genesis 6:1-8

“When God Greives”

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“In the Beginning”

Recap:

Genesis 5

- Genesis 5 is the line of Seth (The Godly line)
- In chapter 5 we learned that God’s divine plan lived through these Godly men.
- We saw God’s grace and mercy woven together with God’s sovereignty.
- But we also saw this very powerful truth, “The wages of sin is death”
- All of those wonderful Godly men died and so it reads less like a family lineage and more like an obituary as life and death are proclaimed even for God’s people.
- We left with this encouragement; God never forgets His own.

Tonight, we pick up where we left off:

Genesis 6:1-8

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forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were 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.

⁵ Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And Yahweh regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ And Yahweh said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

It is important for you to understand that this is real human history.

- This is the only pre-flood account known to man.
- This account sounds nothing like the accounts from our history classes.
- Contrary to popular belief man did not start out as a single cell organism that through millions of years somehow became this extremely complex human being.
- Genesis teaches us the truth and the truth is this:
 - God created man in absolute perfection.
 - God gave man free will and in that free will man chose to trust Satan over God.
 - This lead to the degradation of man.

- Man continued to progress in things like the breeding of animals, metal works, and the development of musical instruments and music itself.
- While these things were advanced so was the increase of sin.
- The increase in sin means that violence and murder became the norm.
- Idol worship became the norm.
- Sexual sin became the norm.
 - And so, God turns them over to their sin.
 - This leads to the depraved mind that Romans 1 proclaims as the judgement of God.

Genesis 6 opens with the demonization of marriage.

- What was created by God to be pure and holy to be held in the highest of esteem before God and man had become violent and highly sexualized.

Setting:

- **The setting for Genesis 6 is this:**
 - It's roughly 1536 (since the creation of the world)
 - Noah's grandfather Methuselah was still alive as was Noah's father Lamech.
 - Noah's grandfather would have known Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahlaleel, Jared, his father Enoch, and his son Lamech, and his grandson Noah.
 - He would have shared the first-hand accounts of the conversations and memories of the men of God.

- Thus, we understand how Noah would become a preacher of righteousness.
- What we are yet to understand is how could it get so bad that God would be compelled to destroy His creation and all but eight people.
 - Keep in mind that scholars estimate the population of the world to be about the same as ours right now.

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- God had given marriage as the only form of procreation that would be blessed by Him.
- The command on Adam and Eves lives was to go and be fruitful and multiply.
 - Man had done exactly what God had commanded.

God is setting the stage here as he tells Moses what life was like on the face of the earth prior to the flood.

- The question we must ask ourselves is this:
 - What is so important about this tiny bit of information that covers 1656 years?
 - Out of all the things that God could have said He begins this very important chapter with “There were a lot of man and women on the earth”
 - Verse 2 will help answer this question

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² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were good in appearance; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

- Who are the sons of God?
- Who are the daughters of men?
 - Why does God through Moses say it this way?

One theory is that the sons of God were the son's from the line of Seth, seeing that he was a man of God.

- The theory continues with the daughters of men being the daughters from Cain's lineage.

What we need to ask ourselves is that possible?

- Does the scripture support this idea anywhere else in the Bible?
 - The answer is that this theory is not supported by scripture because nowhere in scripture are the Godly lines of men referred to as "sons of God".
 - So, what next?
 - When you search "sons of God" you do find them mentioned in what scholars believe to be the oldest book in the Bible, Job.
 - Throughout the Old Testament the sons of God are references to the angelic realm both good and evil.

Job 1:6-7

⁶Now it was the day that the sons of God came to stand before Yahweh, and Satan also came among them. ⁷And Yahweh said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.”

- We clearly see that in this heavenly interaction with God that the “sons of God” are the angelic realm.
- Satan came with them as he too would have once stood with them as the sons of God.
 - The difference is that now Satan is an outsider a troublemaker, and a dog on a leash.
- There will be many references in the New Testament to becoming the sons of God once we are adopted into the family through salvation but those things had not been written yet.

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- What is Satan trying to do here?
 - What was the prophecy concerning the seed of the woman?
 - “Bruised heel and a crushed head”
- Satan is trying to create a demonic human race.

Think about this:

- In order for a demon to take over someone's body there must be an invitation or an openness and desire for such a thing to happen.
- In the 1500 years of progression of man he had become bored with God and chose to open himself to the demonic realm.
- This created a culture of demonic possessed men that the women found desirable.
- This created daddy's that was willing to hand over their daughters to demon possessed men who in turn would incorporate violence into their marriages.

3 Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever because he indeed is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be 120 years."

- This is a very important statement.
- God is not saying through Moses that demons can physically have sex with women.
 - "Man is indeed flesh" God makes it clear that His frustration is with man. (What is the source of all frustration? Unmet expectation)
- The fact that God says that He is going to shorten man's life to 120 years is a clear indication that He blames man for his willingness to open himself up to the demonic realm.
- Think about that, God reduces the life span from 900 to 100
 - As with God this is not instantaneous the longevity of life will reduce over the 13 generations.

Hold on because here comes the fun part!

4The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward,

- The word Nephilim means to fall or crush.
 - The insinuation is that these were giant men and the only other portion of scripture that uses this word is found in Numbers 13:33 where the Israelites spies see the men of that foreign country and they call them giants as they compare themselves to them.
- So, “the Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also afterward.”
 - What does that mean?
 - It means that they already existed and they continued to exist after something.
 - What?

when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them.

- Listen to what God says: “**when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men**”
 - This is a sexually charged comment.
 - These demon possessed men married these women and the hope of Satan was create a violent and dominate offspring that would destroy the Godly line of Seth.
 - It’s the same idea that Hitler had, get rid of the Jews and get rid of the promises of God.
 - But God...

God does admit that the offspring were mighty men.

- Nimrod the founder of the evil city of Babylon was describe as a mighty man and a warrior.

We see another example of the might that a demon possessed man can have in Luke 8

Luke 8:26-31

²⁶ Then they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ And when He came out onto the land, a man from the city met Him, one who was possessed with demons and had not put on any garment for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs. ²⁸ Now seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.” ²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times, and he was bound with chains and shackles, being kept under guard. And yet breaking his bonds, he was driven by the demon into the desolate regions. ³⁰ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they were pleading with Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

So, it is easy for us to see the power of a demon possessed man for he broke chains and could not be kept under guard.

- HE WAS NOT STRONGER THAT JESUS' VOICE!

Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

- What is God doing here?
 - He is saying that these men who were demon possessed were the men that civilization in high regard.
 - People idolized them.
 - They wanted to be like them.
 - Satan knew this and he made sure that they continued to do supernatural things.
 - But what happened to these demons?

2 Peter 2:4-5

4 For if God did not spare angels who sinned, but cast them into the pit and delivered them to chains of darkness, being kept for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Jude

5 Now I want to remind you, though you know all things, that Jesus, having once saved a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. 6 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, 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having indulged in the same way as these in gross sexual immorality and

having gone after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Back to Genesis 6

⁵Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

- So, I asked in the beginning, why so little information?
- Why this information?
 - Evil had taken over, every thought, and evil continually!
 - They had been turned over to a depraved mind despite the preaching of Enoch and Noah.
 - This is what God wanted us to know.
 - Judgement had to come for it was over!

⁶And Yahweh regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

- Some people have trouble with this verse s if God did not see it coming.
- That is not the case.
 - You can see something coming and still be grieved over it.
 - If you have children you understand this.
 - If you have friends who have entered into an unholy relationship and you warned them because you saw it coming long before they got there, you understand Gods heart in all of this.

Ezekiel 18:32

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares Lord Yahweh. “Therefore, turn back and live.”

2 Peter 2:8-10

⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some consider slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be found out.

Do not misinterpret what God is saying here, He was not caught by surprise He simply saying there was a better way that came with a blessing rather than judgment.

⁷ And Yahweh said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I regret that I have made them.”

WHY?

- Because evil ruled their hearts, and it had changed everything.
- Man had chosen Satan and as a result man would share in the same judgement that Satan will share in.
- It sounds like there is no hope but fortunately it does not end there.

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

- Praise God!
 - For those of you who may not believe that God has a habit of rescuing His people allow me to point to this moment.
 - Billions of people will die in the flood, but Noah and his family will be rescued.
 - Lot and his daughters were forcefully rescued by the angels.
 - The Israelites were rescued from the most powerful army in the world.
 - And you and I will be raptured out of this world someday.