

Series: Genesis: Blood to Babel

Text: Genesis 5:1-6:8

**Main Idea: God punishes evil, but provides grace.**

Title/Hook: As Bad As Ever?

Date: 4/21/24

Purpose: To show that since the fall mankind has been wicked and deserves God's judgment, but God in His grace has preserved humanity and eventually sent His Son to save us from our wickedness and give us new hearts. To show that things are not worse than they've ever been because mankind has been sinful and wicked since the beginning. To call people to faith in Jesus as the only hope for forgiveness and new life. To exhort Christians to live as new creations with new hearts and the power of the Spirit in them.

FCF/COR: Verse 5 - The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Christ Trajectory: God showing grace to Noah made it possible for Him to show grace through Noah to us. He preserved the human race so He could send forth His Son to redeem us from the curse of our sin. (Galatians 3:13, 4:4)

Apologetics/Evangelism: Mankind's wickedness cannot be denied. The solution is not behavior modification or any other worldly, man-designed idea, but heart transformation. The solution is Jesus.

Call to Worship: Isaiah 6:1-7

Benediction: Romans 3:23-24

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): What happened as man began to multiply on the earth?

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Their wickedness multiplied, God was grieved, and He decided to blot out all except for Noah.

Exegetical Main Idea: As man began to multiply on the earth their wickedness multiplied, God was grieved, and He decided to blot out all except for Noah.

Theological Main Idea: God just and punishes evil, but God is also gracious and spares some.

Homiletical Main Idea: God punishes evil, but provides grace.

Outline:

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**1. Mankind is wicked. (vv. 5:3-27, 6:1-2, 4-5)**

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

**Job 2:1** - Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

**Daniel 3:25** - He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

**2 Peter 2:4-5** - 4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; 5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly

**Jude 6-7** - 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire

**1. Mankind is wicked. (vv. 5:3-27, 6:1-2, 4-5)**

**Jeremiah 17:9** - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

**Matthew 15:19** - For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

**Quote - Tom Ascol** - “The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart.”

**Romans 1:24-27** - 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

**2. God is just *and* gracious (vv. 6:3, 6:6-7, 5:28-32, 6:8)**

**Romans 1:18** - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

**Quote - R.C. Sproul** - “Every sin, no matter how seemingly insignificant, is an act of rebellion against the sovereign God who reigns and rules over us and as such is an act of treason against the cosmic King.”

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**Galatians 4:4-5** - But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

**Galatians 3:13-** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”\

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**Ezekiel 36:26-27** - And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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