

Life Group Questions

FAVOR & FURY-GENESIS 6:1-8 (PART 2)

Genesis 6:1–8 (LSB) — ¹ Now it happened, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, 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. ³ Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man 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.

The Lead-in to the Flood Judgment

- 2. A sinful race arouses divine displeasure (5-7)
- 3. A solitary man finds divine favor (8)
- 1. Yahweh regretted and was grieved (vv. 6-7). How are God's emotions different from human emotions (c.f., Malachi 3:6)?

2. God vows to blot out humanity, except eight people (v. 7). Do you struggle with God creating and then destroying humanity? Why or why not? How is God good, right, and just in this action? How would you help an unbeliever understand this and what passages would you take them to?

3. In defining what it meant that Noah found favor (v. 8), Pastor Jake presented two views of regeneration: monergistic and synergistic (i.e., working *alone* and working *with*). Are these terms familiar to you? How is this the dividing line for views of God's role and man's role in salvation? Which one do you believe? What passages inform your position?

4. Any further observations, questions, or discussion on the sons of God and the daughters of man, the Nephilim, or the mighty men of renown (vv. 1-4)??