

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

### God's Pronouncements: Justice and Grace – Genesis 6:9-22

#### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – the heaviness of the flood narrative
2. God's Pronouncements
  - a. Justice
  - b. Grace
3. Mankind's Responses
  - a. Hardened Heart
  - b. Obedience and Faith
4. Conclusion – we are called to, by faith, embrace God's grace and live with obedience and faith

#### Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 6:8 – But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.
- Genesis 1:27 - ...fill the earth and subdue it.
- Genesis 3:15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman and your offspring and hers. He will strike your head, but you will strike his heel.
- Exodus 2 – Baby Moses and the basket in the Nile River
- John 14:6 - I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Matthew 24:38 - For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark...
- Hebrews 11:7 - By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- 2 Peter 2:5 – “Noah, a herald of righteousness...”

#### Discussion Questions

- What are your initial thoughts and feelings about the flood narrative?
- How does the severity of the judgment in these events contrast with the cute murals and pictures we find for kids?
- Do you see God's judgment as just or unjust? Why?
- What does it mean that God pronounces justice in His condemnation of the wicked in this passage?
- What can we learn from God bringing 'corruption' on humanity that has become 'corrupt'?
- How does the illustration of spitting in the king's face help underscore the severity of our sin?
- Why do we deserve the same pronouncement of justice that God gave the people in our text?
- How do we see God showing Noah and his family grace in this passage?
- How does the covenant that God establishes with Noah connect back to Genesis 3:15?
- Why is it important to realize that God does not save Noah from judgment but through it?
- What can we learn from the fact that God does not leave salvation for Noah up to his own imagination but instead gives specific details about what Noah is to do?
- How have you experienced God's grace in your life and in the life of your family?
- Why is it critical we understand that we do not want God's justice but rather His grace?
- Where in your heart is there any evidence of hardening to God and His Word?
- In what ways can you grow in living with obedience and faith?
- How does Noah's steadfastness in the face of inevitable ridicule help you?
- How does this passage and sermon make you more thankful for Jesus and help you love Him more?