

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Grace in the Midst of Pervasive Wickedness – Genesis 6:1-8

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Billy Graham
2. The Depths of Sin
3. The Certainty of Judgment
4. The Beauty of Grace
5. Conclusion – how are we to live in light of sin, judgment, and grace?

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Jeremiah 17:9 - The heart is deceitful above all else and desperately sick, who can understand it?
- Romans 3:10-12 - None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.
- 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.
- Luke 20:34-36 – Jesus says that angels do not marry
- Genesis 3:6 - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate...
- Numbers 13:33 - And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.
- Numbers 23:19 - God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
- 1 Samuel 15:29 - And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.
- Hebrews 9:27 - ...it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.
- Hebrews 9:22 - Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Discussion Questions

- Why does grace only make sense in light of sin and judgment?
- In what ways do we see the depths of sin in this passage?
- How do we see the depths of sin in the world today?
- How do you see the depths of sin in your own heart?
- Who do you believe the sons of God and the daughters of man were?
- The two big sins we see in this passage are sexual immorality and violence. Where do we see that in society and in our own lives today?
- Do you believe the 120 years refers to the length of peoples' lives, the time until the flood, or both? Why?
- Why is it important for us to understand the certainty of God's judgment for sin?
- How should we understand the phrase "God regretted" and "it grieved him to his heart" in light of the fact that Scripture teaches that God does not change?
- What comfort can we find in knowing that God takes sin seriously and will judge the wicked?
- What do we learn from the fact that Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord?
- Why is it crucial for us to remember that Noah found favor before it says he was righteous?
- How have you seen God's grace at work in your own life?
- How is the Lord calling you to respond to His grace in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- In what ways does this passage convict you sin and drive you to repentance?
- In what ways does this passage lead you to Jesus and make you more thankful for Him?