

GENESIS

A FLOOD... OF GRACE AND MERCY?

Genesis 6-9



God Sees the Corruption of His Creation

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. And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Genesis 6:5–6

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Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 6:11–13

Genesis 1

“And God saw all that He had made and behold, it was very good.”

Genesis 6

“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.”

God Decides to Uncreate and Recreate

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation.

Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:8–10

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Genesis 6:11–14

Transitional introduction (6:9–10)

1. Violence in God's creation (6:11–12)
2. First divine address: resolution to destroy (6:13–22)
3. Second divine address: command to enter the ark (7:1–10)
4. Beginning of the flood (7:11–16)
5. The rising flood waters (7:17–24)

God's Remembrance of Noah (8:1a)

6. The receding flood waters (8:1b–5)
7. The drying of the earth (8:6–14)
8. Third divine address: command to leave the ark (8:15–19)
9. God's resolution to preserve order (8:20–22)
10. Fourth divine address: covenant blessing and peace (9:1–17)

Transitional conclusion (9:18–19)

God Remembers Noah

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. The fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained.

Genesis 8:1–2

A New Beginning

And God blessed them. And God said to them, be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heaven and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Genesis 1:28

Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh... and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.

Genesis 8:16–17

God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

Genesis 9:1

God is Faithful To Save

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, this is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations. I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:11–13

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When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.

Genesis 9:17

God is Faithful To Save

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:8–9

Some Questions for Us

- How will you live differently if God's favor rests on you?
- How can our church model the gospel to others?
- Are the disciples you make becoming more merciful or less?