

Study Questions for Genesis 6

1. Try to memorize the major themes chapter by chapter up to chapter 6 and how the digression of mankind is affected by sin.
2. What does it mean that God's Spirit will not strive with man forever?
3. Who are the "sons of God" and "daughters of men" mentioned in verses 1,2?
4. What reasons are given for the flood in verses 5 to 7?
5. Why are the specifics of the measurements of Noah's ark recorded here?
6. What does this chapter teach us about who God is?

**Who are the sons of God and
daughters of men?**

Theory one

- **Ancient rulers who took women by force.**
- **In ancient culture kings were called sons of God, emphasizing moral corruption.**

Theory two

- **Sons of God are angels and daughters of men are women.**
- **Jude 6,7; 2 Peter 2:4,5; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7**
- **This theory believes that Nephilim were the offspring of this sinful act.**
- **Problems**
 - **Nowhere in the bible is this ever repeated.**
 - **Matt.22:30 says that angels have no gender. They neither marry nor given in marriage**

- Jude 6–7
- ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

- 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 pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

- Job 1:6
- 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
- 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.
- Job 38:7
- ⁷ When the morning stars sang together
- And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- **Matthew 22:30**

- ³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Theory three

- Sons of God are descendants of Seth and daughters of women are descendants of Cain.
- Or Sons of God is just reference to man and daughters of men are just description of women.
 - **1 Corinthians 11:7**
 - ⁷ For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.
 - Believers are called sons of God in **Deut.14:1; Hos.1:10; Psalm 82:6**
 - Adam is called son of God in **Luke 3:38**.
 - **Isa. 3:16; lam 2:10** refers to females as daughters of Zion
 - **Judges 11:40 and 21:21** refers to females as women of the nation of Israel.

- **Deuteronomy 14:1**
- ¹ “You are the **sons of the Lord your God**; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.
- **Hosea 1:10**
- ¹⁰ Yet the number of the **sons of Israel**
- Will be like the sand of the sea,
- Which cannot be measured or numbered;
- And in the place
- Where it is said to them,
- “You are not My people,”
- It will be said to them,
- “*You are* the **sons of the living God**.”

- **Luke 3:38**

- ³⁸ the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

- **Numbers 13:33**

- ³³ There also we saw the **Nephilim** (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

- **Genesis 6:4**

- ⁴The 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.

What caused the flood?

- Increase in wickedness.(v.5)
- Every intent of man's heart was only evil continually. V.5
- Earth was corrupt in the sight of God. (v.11)
- It was filled with violence. (v.11) Maybe referring to men forcing themselves on women.

What does it mean that God's Spirit would not dwell with man?

- “My Spirit will not *dwell* with man forever.”
 - **rûah** = spirit, breath, or life-force (can refer to God's sustaining presence or His convicting work).
 - **dûn** = to strive, contend, judge, or *abide with*.
- **Thus, it can mean:**
 - “My Spirit will not **keep striving/pleading** with man forever”
 - “My Spirit will not **remain/dwell** in man forever” (life-giving presence).
 - “**120 years**” is a **countdown to the Flood**
 - **Theological theme:** God's patience has limits; His Spirit's striving will not continue forever if people persist in sin.

What does it mean that God was sorry that He made them?

- **1 Samuel 15:11** – God “regrets” making Saul king.
- **Exodus 32:14** – God “relents” from destroying Israel after intercession.
- **Jonah 3:10** – God “relented” when Nineveh repented.
- His “sorrow” expresses *grieved love* rather than *surprised regret*.

Why the details in the dimensions given for the ark?

- Specific dimension are given in four instances
 - Ark, tabernacle, temple, heaven
- God gave everything needed for a successful building of the ark.
 - Dimensions are 405x75x45 (6:1 ratio that is needed to float)
 - God told Joshua to not turn from my word to the left or to the right.
 - Every jot and tittle will be fulfilled.
 - Do not add or take away from His word.
 - Everything will pass away except His word.

Study questions for Genesis 7,8

- What are some repeated words or phrases in these chapters?
- How did Noah know what animals were clean and unclean, mentioned in 7:2? Where in the bible are clean and unclean animals described?
- How many years went by from the time when God told Noah to build the ark until the flood came?
- Why are there so many descriptions of the exact timing of everything? What do you think is the significance of these dates?
- What does it mean that God remembered Noah in 8:1?
- What mountain did the ark finally rest on? (8:4). Where is that in current world geography?
- God was so clear about how to build the ark and what to collect and bring into the ark. Yet when it was time to exit the ark Noah had to send out ravens and doves to see if it was safe to exit? Why do you think God didn't give specific instructions after the flood?
- Noah built an altar and offered up burnt offerings once they exited the ark in 8:20. Where in the bible was burnt offering described and instructed in the bible?

Discussion Questions for Chapter 6

- Do you think you take sin as seriously as we see the way God takes sin? Why or why not?
- When was the last time you genuinely felt sorrow over your sins? What was it about that sin that caused you to grieve more than other sins?
- What does God, being grieved over the sins of the world, teach us about God's nature? What does God promising not to wipe out the earth with a flood also teach us about God's nature?
- Why does God repopulate the world by preserving Noah's family rather than wiping out the whole earth and starting over? What does this teach us about how God works?