

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶ The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

⁷ The LORD 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 am sorry that I have made them."

⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

V.13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴ "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

V.17 "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

^{V.18} "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

^{V.19} "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

V.22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

Last week we looked at the assault Satan has brought against mankind

1. It comes in 2 forms
 - a. #1. Against all mankind – so that men may spend eternity in hell
 - b. #2. He comes against the believer – that the believer might squander his life
2. The most dangerous thing you own is your imagination
 - a. There are no boundaries, rules or controls – outside of God's grace
 - b. The only way to deal w/ an imagination in this world is by focusing on Scripture

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V.7 The LORD 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 am sorry that I have made them."

1. "for I am sorry that I have made them"
 - a. This sounds like God didn't know how bad man would be & now He is sorry that He ever made man
 - i. God knew how bad man would become
 - ii. This is an anthropomorphic term –
 - b. God's knowledge is not subject to increase or decrease or any change
 - i. God is omniscient (has all knowledge)– He's worthy of our trust

Psalm 147:4 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.

- c. Nothing man does is a surprise to God

Psalm 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

¹³ The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men;

¹⁴ From His dwelling place He looks out On all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵ He who fashions the hearts of them all, He who understands all their works.

- d. Nothing will change God's plans

Isaiah 46:9 "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; *I am* God, and there is no one like Me,

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

- e. Because God knows everything we can pray openly & honestly

Matthew 6:7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

- i. Someone will ask, "Why pray if He already knows?"
- ii. Because it is more about a relationship than just a prayer

f. No one should go thru life w/out seeking wisdom

James 1:5 (NASB) But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

g. Wisdom is worth more than wealth

Proverbs 3:13 How blessed is the man who finds wisdom And the man who gains understanding.

¹⁴ For her profit is better than the profit of silver And her gain better than fine gold.

¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels; And nothing you desire compares with her.

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; In her left hand are riches and honor.

¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways And all her paths are peace.

¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who hold her fast.

Proverbs 16:16 How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.

V.8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

V.9 These are *the records of the generations of Noah.* Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

V.10 Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1. "Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD" (V.8)
 - a. Notice the sequence of Noah's relationship w/ God
 - b. #1. Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord
2. "Noah was a righteous man" (V.9)
 - a. #2. Noah became a righteous man – "imputed righteousness"

- b. How is it that the whole world was guilty before God & here is one man & his family who are not?
 - i. Did Noah live a life better than everyone else?
 - ii. No – he believed that God said
- c. No one is good enough that God can accept them

Romans 3:20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

- i. Noah wasn't a just man – he was a justified man
3. "Noah walked with God" (V.9)
- a. #3. The walk came after imputed righteousness

V.13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

V.14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

- 1. "Make for yourself an ark"
 - a. The ark is a picture of God's grace

V.15 "This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

- 1. "This is how you shall make it"
 - a. 450 feet long; 75 feet wide; 45 feet tall

V.16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

V.17 "Behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

- 1. "I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh"
 - a. Man is critical of God for destroying people
 - i. #1. God is the giver of life – so He can take it
 - ii. #2. This isn't all there is to life – it continues
 - iii. #3. God doesn't want anyone to perish

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

iv. God offers every man eternal life

John 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

John 12:46 "I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

v. #4. God is God – He can do whatever He wants!

V.18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

V.19 "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every *kind* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female.

V.21 "As for you, take for yourself some of all food which is edible, and gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

V.22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you *alone* I have seen *to be* righteous before Me in this time.

V.2 "You shall take with you of every clean animal by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female;

V.5 Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

V.6 Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth.

V.7 Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.

1. "Noah and his sons...wife...sons' wives...entered the ark"
 - a. Think about what life must have been like for Noah
 - b. He was the laughing stock of the area
 - c. But his sons & family believed him
 - d. How you live as a parent or grandparent is so important
 - e. Lot didn't live a life that fostered confidence in what he said

Genesis 19:12 Then the *two* men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring *them* out of the

place;

¹³ for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

¹⁴ Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, "Up, get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city." *But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting.*

1. "But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting"
 - a. That isn't exactly what they thought – he had no credibility w/ his family
 - b. The same word for jesting is used
 - i. Same word for Sarah's laugh of Sarah

Genesis 18:12 Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

- ii. Same word used describing enemies of Samson

Judges 16:25 It so happened when they were in high spirits, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may amuse us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars.

V.9 there went into the ark to Noah by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

V.10 It came about after the seven days, that the water of the flood came upon the earth.

V.11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.

1. "all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened"
 - a. Continental drift

V.12 The rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

V.13 On the very same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

V.16 Those that entered, male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

1. "the LORD closed *it* behind him"
 - a. God closed the door behind them
 - i. If Noah had closed it he would have been tempted to open it for others

V.17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

V.18 The water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

V.19 The water prevailed more and more upon the earth, so that all the high mountains everywhere under the heavens were covered.

V.20 The water prevailed fifteen cubits higher, and the mountains were covered.

V.23 Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

1. "only Noah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark"
 - a. What does it take for a man to take on a project like that?
 - b. What kind of faith does it take to pick up the first tool & go out & cut the first tree?
 - c. He was given his life's assignment –
 - i. He knows why he was put on earth
 - i. How could a man dedicate himself to such a task?
 - ii. He believed God!

Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

- d. Some people really believe that this isn't home
- e. They believe it so much that it alters their lives forever
- f. Paul was one of those people

Acts 20:24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry

which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

Philippians 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

g. The truth is – w/out faith in what God says – you can't please Him

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

⁷ By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

h. Noah was a man of great faith!

Ezekiel 14:12 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

¹³ "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,

¹⁴ even *though* these three men, **Noah**, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their *own* righteousness they could *only* deliver themselves," declares the Lord GOD.

V.19 "Or if I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it to cut off man and beast from it,

²⁰ even *though* **Noah**, Daniel and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord GOD, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."