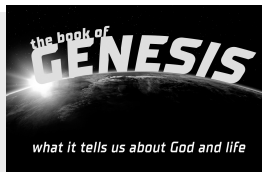


Salvation in the Storm

The Book of Genesis - Part 8 Gen. 6:5-22

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LIST 3 THINGS THAT NOAH TOOK ON THE ARK?

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1. What do we learn about the human heart in Genesis 6?

Genesis 6 paints a bleak picture of the human condition. The world has come a long way since then, but has the human condition changed?

Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2. What do we learn about God's heart from Genesis 6?

The evil practices of humanity, "grieved God to his heart" to the point that He, "regretted" making them. However God doesn't bring final judgement on humanity. Consider that God could have stopped the perpetual pain He endures because of our wickedness. However, by not completely wiping out humans He further ties himself to us despite the pain he suffers. Just as He was gracious to Noah, God is still committed to providing a refuge from the storms of the world and a way of salvation from judgement!

"What do you see in Gen. 6:6? God suffering for the sins of the world.The only reason there is a history is because God was willing to suffer. God himself has let history go on, though it's going to cost him infinite evil and suffering. I have no idea what is on the other side of the evil and suffering of history, but it must be worth it, because God could have stopped it, and he didn't." -Tim Keller "The Gospel According to God" 12/3/00

3. What can we learn about life from this passage?

Another thing that has not changed is God's purpose for us. The charge given to Adam in Genesis 1:26&28 was to multiply, subdue and rule. When we read about Noah, it's in the context of a post-Genesis 3 world where rebellion against God has ruined so much of what God intended. However, God gives Noah the same instructions He gave Adam (Gen. 9:1). God has given each one of us a unique sphere of management in the world. We are created with the same intent as Adam, Eve & Noah. Each created to rule in a way that honors God in everything He has given us!

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. What do you say to people who believe that humans aren't perfect but basically good?
3. Read the Tim Keller quote on the bottom of the other side of the notes. If Keller is correct about God choosing to suffer for the evil in the world, what can that teach us about how to live?

Notes:
