

CHRIST

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Passage: Genesis 6-8

Lesson: From Corruption to Covenant

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Theme: The story of the flood underscores the power of obedience, the seriousness of sin, and the hope of redemption through a covenant.

I. The State of Man (6:1-7)

- 1) **Sethite Line View**: This interpretation sees the “sons of God” as descendants of Seth, the godly lineage, and the “daughters of men” as descendants of Cain, the ungodly lineage.
- 2) **Royal or Tyrant View**: Some scholars propose the “sons of God” were ancient kings or rulers who claimed divine status and took women by force.
- 3) **Fallen Angels View**: It suggests the “sons of God” fallen angelic beings (demons) who took human wives resulting in the birth of Nephilim, described as “mighty men of old.”

They did not do evil through mere carelessness, as those that walk at all adventures, not heeding what they do; but they did evil deliberately and designedly, contriving how to do mischief. It was bad indeed; for it was only evil, continually evil, and every imagination was so. There was no good to be found among them, no, not at any time: the stream of sin was full, and strong, and constant; and God saw it.

Matthew Henry

Implications:

- **What We Learn About Man:**

In verse 5 we come to the first major description of the doctrine of human depravity.

Psalm 14:1-3

¹ The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. ² The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. ³ They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

Implications:

- **What We Learn About God:**

1. God cannot and will not tolerate sin.

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.

Implications:

- **What We Learn About God:**

1. God cannot and will not tolerate sin.
2. God is omniscient.

Hebrews 4:13 ESV

And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Implications:

- **What We Learn About God:**

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2. God is omniscient.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

II. The Heart of God (6:8-22)

Hebrews 11:7

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- **What We Learn About Man:**

Obedience to God's Word is an act of worship and it demonstrates genuine faith.

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Implications:

- **What We Learn About God:**

God desires to have a relationship with His creation and not just rescuing them.

Psalm 103:10-14

¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. ¹⁴ For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.

*Creation lasted six days. The Flood lasted a year and a month.
Creation gave us the first earth. The Flood gave us the second earth.
The earth that we know and experience. These two events explain our
world, and only the Bible gives an accurate record of these two events.
And who wrote that record? The Creator and the Judge. The One who
created in six days and the one who drowned the world in a year and a
month. He inspired these historical accounts for us. This is the Bible.
This is the Word of God.*

John MacArthur

Implications:

- **God's Judgment is Real and Consequential.**

Habakkuk 1:13

Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness with favor.

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Psalm 5:4-5

⁴ For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. ⁵ The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.

Implications:

- **God's Judgment is Real and Consequential.**
- **Just as God's Judgment is Real, So is His Mercy.**

Ephesians 2:4-5

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Implications:

- **God's Judgment is Real and Consequential.**
- **Just as God's Judgment is Real, So is His Mercy.**
- **Noah's obedience to God's commands—despite the absence of immediate evidence—highlights the importance of faith and trust.**

Hebrews 11:1-2

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the men of old gained approval.

Genesis 6-8	Seen in Christ
The Ark - Salvation	Just as Noah and his family were saved from judgment by entering the ark, believers are saved from death by being “in Christ.”
The Door to the Ark	The Ark had only one door, symbolizing there is only one way to salvation. John 10:9 “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved”

Genesis 6-8	Seen in Christ
God Initiates the Plan	God gave Noah the plan and sealed the door Himself, showing that salvation is initiated and completed by God, not human effort. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
Judgment of Sin	The flood represents God's righteous judgment against a corrupt world, paralleling the final judgment that Christ will execute. (Revelation 20)

Genesis 6-8	Seen in Christ
New Creation	After the flood, the earth is renewed, and Noah becomes a kind of new “Adam.” Christ brings a new creation with His resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17)