

Judgment and Mercy

Genesis 6:6-10

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. 7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Ge 5:28–29; 28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son. 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."

- I. What went wrong?
 - A. Satan and other angels rebelled.
 1. Rev. 12: 3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.
 - B. Man through in with Satan.
 1. We have already talked about this for the past several weeks.
 - C. Some angels sinned even further.
 1. 2 Peter 2:4 (NKJV) 4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;
 2. They left their proper domain.
 - a. Jude 1:6 (NKJV) 6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
 - b. Somehow they so interacted with people so as to cause a group of human beings that were monstrosities or giants.
 - D. By this they began to corrupt the human race.
 1. God had promised a deliver would come to destroy Satan.
 2. But if Satan can corrupt the human race then that will not happen.
 3. One of Satan's primary goals was to keep the Messiah from coming into the world.
 4. At one time he was so successful that only one child remained to bring the

promised Messiah.

5. This does not mean that they had corrupted the human race but only that given more time they would have.

6. But we do see that only 8 souls were preserved in the ark.

II. Why does God care?

A. Because this is His creation?

1. It does not belong to Al Gore and the green party.

a. Now I am for a clean environment.

b. And I would say that we have terribly polluted this world.

c. And we should clean it up.

2. The greatest pollution in the world is a moral pollution.

a. We are worried about the water we drink but we fill our minds and hearts with the most polluting elements.

b. We even have to bring filthiness into the children's movies.

c. Not what is that about. It is because man is corrupt.

d. He loves darkness rather than light.

3. Even the children of Israel after seeing all the miracles that God had done in Egypt only took forty days to completely go astray.

a. Ex 32:7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

b. At that time God brought swift judgment on them.

B. What the Lord does brings glory to Himself.

1. He alone deserves all glory and honor.

2. He created the world for His glory and the children of today have been convinced that it all just happened.

3. They are taught that they are but accidents in the accident of this world and the accident of life, and then we wonder why our teen suffer from depression.

III. What was God's cure?

A. God would destroy the whole world with a flood.

B. But Noah found grace.

1. Grace is not something that you deserve or else it is not grace.
2. Noah and his family were sinners, as we have seen all men are born sinners.
3. Noah was in the lineage of Jesus and was preserved.

God has decreed judgment on all who sin. But He has provided mercy through Jesus Christ.

If you will confess, admit your sin, and put your trust in Jesus then you can also have mercy of God by grace.