



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 6:5-8, Message 25

As we have observed, today's text is the result of the events described in Chapters 3:1-6:4; Adam sinned against God. Cain and his lineage (*who established a humanistic system of self-elevation and self-preservation*) did likewise. Seth's lineage, being human, was also _____ though there were those who walked with God. Ultimately fallen angels, as men, took human wives. They procreated a race of _____ that became mighty men, men that were well known throughout the world. This was done in an attempt by the serpent to corrupt the _____ of the woman and thwart God's promise of the coming Messiah (*Gen. 3:15*). All this sinful activity produced a vile wickedness that demanded a righteous judgment. Although today's passage reveals God's verdict, it also speaks of something all men desperately need—God's _____.

THE WICKEDNESS OF MAN AND THE GRACE OF GOD

1. The world was wicked – verse 5

- Wickedness was _____ in the earth
 - Corruption had penetrated _____ aspect of life – family, commerce, entertainment, industry, education, and government – Genesis 4:16-6:4

- Every imagination of the _____ of man's heart was evil continually
 - It is the inner man that determines the deeds of the outer man – Proverbs 4:23
 - Sow bad thoughts, reap bad actions – 1 Cor. 15:33; Galatians 6:7

- Colossians 3:5, 8-9
 - Fornication – any type of sexual sin that is immoral
 - Uncleanliness - sexual lust, impure motives, dirty thinking, dirty living
 - Inordinate affection – evil desires, sinful passions, unreasonable desires, unwarranted imaginations
 - Evil concupiscence – a strong craving for unlawful acts or forbidden sin
 - Covetousness - greediness, a desire to have more than is needed, excessive desires, idolatry
 - Idolatry - worship, seeking wisdom or answers from secular sources, false teachers or false spirits, giving honor to any but the one true God, elevating human education and human reasoning above the Word of God
 - Anger - a violent temper, a desire to punish, vengeance
 - Wrath - boiling anger, rage, fury, mad enough to kill
 - Malice - a desire to injure, wickedness toward another, not ashamed to break laws, the troubling of others
 - Blasphemy - evil speaking of God, hypocritical Christian lifestyle, swearing using God's name
 - Filthy communication - foul speaking, obscene speech, disrespectful to authorities, speaking false doctrine
 - Lying – speaking any untruths, deceitfulness, deceiving, hypocritical lifestyle

2. God was grieved – verse 6

- It repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth
 - God repenting? This is not a contradictive statement; it is simply God changing his mind on issues he had not permanently fixed – Nu. 23:19 vs. Ex. 32:14
- It _____ him at his heart
 - God was _____-broken over his fallen creation...

3. God pronounces judgment upon the world – verse 7

- The LORD will destroy man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air
 - Everything that cannot swim (for an extended period of time) will _____...

4. A man finds God's grace – verse 8

- But Noah found _____ in the eyes of the LORD
 - Grace - a capacity to tolerate, accommodate, or _____ people; the infinite love, mercy, favor, and goodwill shown to humankind by God