

GENESIS 6:1-10

LESSON: WORLDWIDE WICKEDNESS — October 28, 2018

INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 5: The book of the generations of Adam is introduced (5:3-5). He lived 930 yrs.

The Family of Seth is introduced (5:6-8).	He lived	912 yrs.
The Family of Enos is introduced (5:9-11).	He lived	905 yrs.
The Family of Cainan is introduced (5:12-14).	He lived	910 yrs.
The Family of Mahalaleel is introduced (5:15-17).	He lived	895 yrs.
The Family of Jared is introduced (5:18-20).	He lived	962 yrs.
The Family of Enoch is introduced (5:21-24).	He lived	365 yrs. and God took him.
The Family of Methuselah is introduced (5:25-27).	He lived	969 yrs.
The Family of Lamech is introduced (5:28-31).	He lived	777 yrs.
The Family of Noah is introduced (5:32).	He lived	950 yrs. (9:29).

LESSON: I. MAN'S UNGODLINESS GENESIS 6:1-5

6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,— After listing Adam's descendants and their generations, it came to pass that man began to increase on the face of the earth; the human race began to multiply, and daughters were born.

6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. In this multiplication on the face of the earth, the sons of God looked at these daughters (v.1) that they were beautiful and attractive and took all they chose to marry.

The Sons of God mentioned in this passage you would think that they are angelic beings. In Job 1:6; 2:1—yes. But in Romans 8:14, we are the sons of God because we are led by the Spirit of God. But you would ask can angels mate? Scriptures show in Jude 6 *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation..."* and 2nd Peter 2:4 *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell..."* So, I guess in the beginning of time, angels might have mated and married with the daughters of men. I would say these are preferably fallen angels which are now *"cast down into hell and delivered into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment"* 2nd Peter 2:4b; Jude 6b. Note there will be a godly and an ungodly line (descendants) because of this interaction.

This leads to say that there are others that believe that the **sons of God** were identified as ¹the godly line of Seth. And the daughters of men were descendants of Cain intermarrying. This means that the godly ignored God and became worldly and immoral. Also more and more children were being born into ungodly families that stressed the outward and worldly, rather than the inward and spiritual. Prov.29:16 says *"When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall."* I've given two explicit explanations. Let God lead you.

¹ <http://www.family-times.net/commentary/sons-of-god-and-daughters-of-men/>
<http://www.pitwm.net/pitwm-sunday-school.html>

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6:3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. The human race was losing its godly line of believers. The believers were turning away from God and beginning to live like the world. And the Lord is saying two things.

1. He will redraw His Spirit. His spirit shall not always strive with man, not forever. You know how God gives us stages in the Bible? Well, there had to be someone preaching in that time because when we go to verse 8, it says, *"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."* The Spirit of God does what He does today, convict people of sin and of the coming judgment. But, the people were resisting and quenching the convictions of the Spirit. They were not listening to the voice of God struggling within them in their hearts. They wanted to live like they wanted to and do their own thing. God said man is flesh which is mortal and corrupt, and means he is no longer just a sinner, but he...

- had given himself over to the flesh completely and fully.
- he had abandoned himself, become enslaved to the flesh.
- he sunk to the level of longing for the flesh.
- he begun to live only for the things of the flesh and of the world.

The result: man was about to reach the point of no return that he would never repent and turn back to God. Consequently, God had no choice. If man did not repent, God would withdraw his Spirit. God's Spirit would no longer strive and struggle with the soul of man. God would withdraw His Spirit and let judgment fall upon the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. *"Quench not His Spirit"* 1st Thes.5:19.

2. Grace was limited. Judgment was coming. God gave man one hundred and twenty years to repent. God warned man apparently through Noah. His grace would flow through the earth for 120 years more; another chance, and then judgment would fall unless man repented.

6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. In those days there were giants or Nephilim that appeared in the earth, even after the sons of God and the daughters of men bore children. These became mighty men of old and were renown. Although in Hebrew *"Nepilim"* means fallen ones. The earliest Greek translators rendered it giants.

6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. By *"great"*, it meant that man's wickedness had multiplied— more vile; immoral; perverse; destructive; terrifying; lustful; heinous, etc. Since Adam's fall into sin, man had become exceedingly sinful and more and more bold in his sin; in every imagination of his heart was continually set on evil. It was total depravity, and that means:

- Man has a sinful nature, therefore, he falls and sins.
- Man is short of perfection, therefore, man comes short in everything he does.
- Man has a corrupt nature, therefore, he contaminates, pollutes, spoils, and hurts whatever he does or touches.

Anything short of perfection is evil. It stands opposed to God and His perfection. If a man's heart

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is set on good things, he will think more good thoughts than he does evil because man's heart controls the kind of thought he has. However, God saw that man's thoughts and imaginations were given over to evil, continually given over to fleshly desires and covetousness.

II. GOD'S RESPONSE GENESIS 6:6-10

6:6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. God was *"sorry"*, sometimes translated as *"repent"*, and sometimes as *"feel sorrow."* He grieves over man and condemns man. Was God admitting a mistake? No! God does not make mistakes. *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?"* Num.23:19. Making man was His crowning glory and delight on the sixth day. The sorrow reminds us of what a parent might feel over a rebellious child

6:7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. After man had put himself in a position to cause God to be sorry and feel sad, the Lord spoke out of His mouth: **I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air.** God judged man and beast and creeping things and fowl to be destroyed from the face of the earth. You can tell that God was really hurt over this, **for it repenteth me that I have made them.** Man's wickedness was no longer bearable. Man abused God's love and purpose in creating him. Facts:

- When something is created it must fulfill its purpose or else it is thrown aside as useless and destroyed.
- Man cannot expect God to excuse him when man neglects, ignore, denies, and rejects God. Being a creature of God does not excuse the wickedness and rebellion of the creature.
- If the creature (man) rejects the love and grace of God, then he must face the justice of God.
- Lastly, if man does not serve God—fulfill God's purpose for creating him, then God has no choice: God has to destroy man, for man is useless to the purpose of God. We should never think that we are can't be replaceable.

Why the animals? - Because the earth and animals were created for man. They existed for man, therefore, when man is destroyed, they will be destroyed.

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. However, God has found a remnant and remembers his grace. This is the first time grace is mentioned in the Bible. God could not forget or violate His promise—a promise to Adam and Eve—a godly seed of believers through whom a Savior would come and deliver man from the sin and death of the earth. The Savior was to restore man to his original world of perfection and to face to face fellowship with God. If God was going to destroy the earth, who would carry on the godly line of believers so that the Savior could be born? There was only one man who would be true to God until the day of his death. It was Noah who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. This means that Noah was found to believe God's promise concerning the godly seed, the coming Savior. Therefore, God showered His grace and His favor and mercy upon Noah. He would be saved through the coming judgment.

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6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. This will cover the generations of Noah. It begins with Noah's character—

1. Noah was a just man...
 - To be just or righteous means justified before God; to be counted righteous by God, and that is to really believe in the promised Savior—the Lord Jesus Christ, and Noah belied just that. In 2nd Peter 2:5 *"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eight person, a preacher of righteousness..."*
 - To be just or righteous also means to live a righteous life and to treat others in a fair and just way; to obey God's law. To do what God says. To keep God's commandments. And Noah did just that before God and man.
2. Noah was perfect or blameless among his generations.
 - In his generation he knew how to stand blameless among a wicked people, for he was blameless, meaning to be without blemish; a moral person; of purity, integrity, and honesty. He knew how to be mature and complete as he conducted his affairs with others.
3. Noah walked with God.
 - This is the second time a person is said to have walked with God. Enoch was the first (Gen.5:21-22). Noah is the second. He knew how to have a relationship with God. His lifestyle pleased God. He was a godly man, a preacher (2nd Peter 2:5) who did what God asked.

This would be a story of encouragement to give man another chance instead of the wickedness man had incurred. Man has 120 years to change. There was a great contrast of the earth and man which was corrupt and violent, but Noah on the other hand was just and perfect and walking with God.

6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Three children were born just as Adam's three.

4. Noah reared a godly family.
 - The whole family were believers. The whole family was chosen by God to preserve the human race.

SUMMARY:

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God was sorry He had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. After man had put himself in a position to cause God to be sorry and feel sad, the Lord spoke out of His mouth: *"I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air"* and again God was sorry He had made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a just man; was perfect among his generations, and walked with God. Three children were born into the family (**6:6-10**).