

The fifth chapter of Genesis records a genealogy that leads us to the birth of Noah. From here, chapter six reveals the depravity of man and just how sinful things have become. Because of the wickedness of man, God determines a just and efficient "restart". However, it's in this chapter that He establishes a covenant with Noah, sparing his life and a remnant of humanity.

Genesis 6:1-22

Noah

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

The story of the flood is one of extreme justice. The building of the ark and preservation of mankind is a picture of God's grace, but also an extravagant miracle of wild proportions. As Christians it can be challenging to explain these events, that they really happened and are not mere metaphor or lore. Standing firm in our faith and the truth of what Scripture reveals is critical in our walk witness, even when it can sound far-fetched.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT difficulties have you faced when explaining the story of Noah and the flood?

HOW does God's response to widespread sin (wiping out all mankind) affect your view of Him?

HAVE you ever regretted something so much that it required you to start completely over from scratch?

WHEN you consider the story of the flood, are you able to find any kind of redemptive hope in the midst of the account?

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OBSERVATION

According to vs. 2, who were the sons of God choose for their wives?

How does this passage describe the Nephilim?

What can you observe about the wickedness of men in vs. 5?

What does the Lord resolve to do because of man's heart condition (vs. 6-7)?

Who found favor in the Lord's eyes (vs. 8)?

What were the names of Noah's three sons (vs. 10)?

In vs. 11-12 what do we learn about the condition of the earth, and what is God's solution (vs. 13)?

What does God say He will do with Noah in vs. 18?

What can you observe regarding God's instructions to Noah, specifically the living creatures He calls him to bring aboard the ark?

INTERPRETATION

Why is it important to consider who the sons of God were choosing to marry (vs. 2)? Does God have a desire of whom we should marry? Consider 2:24.

Who are the Nephilim? See Numbers 13:33 and Job 1:6 for further help.

What does the Lord regret in vs. 6? What does this mean exactly? Why did God have this "feeling" toward mankind? Does He still? See romans 6:23 and 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Does God's judgement on all flesh seem extreme to you? Why?

What is a covenant? Why does God decide to establish one with Noah? See vs. 9.

Why is vs. 22 worth considering? What does 5:22-27 and 2:8-10 for insight.

APPLICATION

How would you describe your walk with the Lord if someone were to ask?

What things help/hinder your walk with God?

What practical ways can we fortify our walk with the Lord in effort to grow in intimacy with Him?