

## AVALANCHE OF SIN Genesis 6:5-8

### Open:

- God has had it with mankind ... sin has been building and building until an avalanche occurs and as it rolls down the mountain it consumes everything in its path and still yet ... God rescues one family, so all are not lost.

**Genesis 6:5-8 NKJV** <sup>5</sup> Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

- Got your shovel, let's dig.

### (1) God sees.

- God is aware of what is going on ... He knows our thoughts and sees our actions.

**Psalms 139:1-7 NLT** <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. <sup>3</sup> You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. <sup>4</sup> You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. <sup>5</sup> You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! <sup>7</sup> I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

- ✓ There is nothing we can hide from God for He is omniscient and omnipresent.
- Wickedness on the earth was multiplying, man was committing more and more sin and feeling less guilty about it.

- √ Society was in a nosedive and crime was on the rise.
- √ Man was becoming bold in his sin.
- Whether this was prompted by demonic involvement or a case of man’s sinful nature gone wild ... in God’s estimation if He didn’t step in ... the redemptive plan of God may be lost.
- √ Soon there would be no godly family left through whom the godly Seed would come.

\* **Application:**

- Unless we guard (protect) our heart, our minds will become corrupt and soon our actions will be evil.
  - First we feel it, then we think it, then we do it.
- The KJV reads: **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**
  - The word “imagination” in Hebrew related to pottery ... to fashion or mold.
  - When we put the wrong “images” in our heart ... out comes the wrong behavior.
  - No wonder Solomon told us: **Proverbs 4:23 NLT Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.**
  - √ Your heart (inner being) would include your mind (where you think things through and reason things out), your emotions (how you feel), and your will.
    - Your heart is who you really are.
- Guard it against wrong thinking, images, desires, feelings ... becoming lackadaisical here opens the door to wrong behavior/sin.
- Sin begins in the heart (desire), moves to the head (thoughts), and expresses itself in the hands (actions).

**James 1:14-15 NLT** <sup>14</sup> Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. <sup>15</sup> These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

√ Illust.: Crazy isn't it ... we know this and yet we are vulnerable, and in a weak moment we fall for it. Object: mouse trap.

➤ The depravity of man is such without the help of Jesus Christ we would sink lower and lower into sin.

\* **Genesis 6:5** tells us that man has become increasingly wicked.

## (2) God grieves – Vs. 6

- God is disappointed ... **Genesis 1:26** He had created man after His own image ... for the purpose of enjoying his company.
- Man's continual disobedience promoted distance from God. Sin is the opposite of God's character ... He is holy.

√ Sin brings sorrow and God regrets that He ever made man.

- The fact that God is grieving would indicate He loves man ... else He wouldn't care.

√ Man has ignored His love, abused His patience; it was as if we stabbed God in the heart ... this was not the way things were intended to be.

√ Clearly, this is the work of the enemy.

➤ To love another and not to be loved back hurts.

- Illust.: What kind of relationship would a husband and wife have if one was unkind, mean, rude and inconsiderate of the other? Sin offends God.

\* **Application:**

- The child of god who recognizes sin in their life needs to repent.

- √ Acknowledge the offense and take the necessary steps to do the right thing.
- √ When we ignore sin, we get comfortable with it ... God wants it out of our life.

**Psalm 51:16-17 NLT** <sup>16</sup> You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

→ Does it bother you that your sin bothers God?

### (3) God Pleads – Vs. 7

- With no sign of repentance, God pronounced judgment.
  - It is not only that man has become more trouble than he's worth ... unless God intervenes, all will be lost and there will be no hope of redemption.
  - God's patience has run out ... mankind has crossed the line of mercy and will now face the wrath of God.
- **I will destroy man ... animals and birds.**
  - The creator of life if necessary has the right to take life, but even here we see His love ... Noah and his family would be spared ... a Redeemer would come.
    - √ Why the animals and birds ... they were under the dominion of man.
  - The word "destroy" means "to cut off."
    - √ It describes what a writer does ... to blot out words.
    - √ To wipe dust off of furniture.
  - God is getting ready to wipe man off the earth.

### \* Application:

- Even God's patience only goes so far.

- There may come a time when God says “enough!” in your life.
- Better that you correct the wrongs in your life than you “push God” and make Him correct them.

**1 Corinthians 11:31 Paraphrase** If we will examine ourselves and correct what we need to, then God will not have to judge us.

- When you reject the love of God, you will face the justice of God.
- 1) God sees.
  - 2) God grieves.
  - 3) God pleads.
- 4) **God needs ...** to make good on a promise: **Vs. 8.**
- In keeping with the promise of **Genesis 3:15** a godly Seed, deliverer, a Savior would come through a woman.
    - Had God wiped all of mankind out, the promise to Adam and Eve could not have occurred.
  - God found a man of faith and would rescue him and his family.
    - God’s kindness, which is undeserved, was extended to Noah.
    - This is the first mention of grace in the Bible.
  - Why Noah? He was a man of faith.

**Hebrews 11:7 NLT** It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith.

- Though it had never rained and it took 120 years to build the boat ... Noah did as he was told.
- He demonstrates godly fear ... he treated God’s message with respect.
- His faith led him to obey.

- This “preacher of righteousness” (**2 Peter 2:5**) through his actions (build a boat) and his warnings demonstrates his faith was real.
  - ✓ Noah had access to the truth as it was passed on through the generations.
  - ✓ Noah would have been in his 80s when Enos was living (Seth’s son, Adam’s grandson). Other godly fathers as well ... how could he have forgotten Enoch ... who walked with God ... he walked right into Heaven.
  - ✓ Noah had the benefit of being raised in a godly family.
  - ✓ Yet, for him to find grace he had to internalize, personalize the truth ... God has no grandchildren.

→ Noah saw himself a sinner in need of God’s grace ... because of his faith he was given the righteousness of God.

- So it is today if you want to be God’s child.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

- Have you placed your faith in Jesus ... are you trusting Him today?

### **Application:**

- When God has a work to be done, He looks for a man/woman through whom He can work: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Daniel ...
  - Be willing and available.
  - It’s only after you demonstrate that you can be trusted in the small things that He will give you bigger things.

### **Close:**

- Sin is becoming more acceptable in our day but not so with God.
- Be careful what you allow into your heart; it will impact your life.
- God loves you and wants to enjoy your company.
- Better that you get things right than wait and make Him handle it.

– God offers His grace to you ... receive it by faith.

- 1) God sees.
- 2) God grieves.
- 3) God pleads.
- 4) God needs.

**Next week: Genesis 6:9-12**

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