

The Journey

Series 02: Corruption

Week 13: God Punishes the World; Promises to Save Noah

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Review (Where We Have Been)

A Quick Recap...

- Adam and Eve sinned and would die (Spiritual, Physical, Eternal)
Genesis 2:17 (ESV) ...for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
- All are sentenced to death (Adam represented the whole human race)
Romans 5:12 (ESV) Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...
- God promised a **FUTURE Deliverer** (Adam and Eve were saved by faith)
Genesis 3:15 (ESV) "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Deliverance would come, but wickedness had been set in motion (Cain and Abel).

Genesis 4:8 (ESV) And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Why was Abel's offering acceptable to God?

Abel believed God and came to Him in the way God had said to come, bringing sheep and killing them so the blood flowed out

By not bringing the offering that God required, what was Cain showing?

That he did not believe God

Why did God reason with Cain?

God loved Cain and wanted him to understand that he was a sinner and needed to bring the blood offering God required

Why did Satan want Cain to kill Abel?

Because Satan is a murderer and hates all people. Satan knew that if Abel lived, one of his descendants would be the promised Deliverer, and he did not want people to be delivered from the punishment they deserve for their sin.

What was the attitude of Cain's descendants toward God?

They followed Cain's rebellious ways against God, with no interest in knowing Him

BIG Idea

Now we have a struggle between living independent or dependent on God...

Mankind not only possessed God's image, but also the sinful image of Adam.

Genesis 5:1 (ESV) This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

As long-suffering as God is, we need to understand that **there comes a point when God will no longer withhold His punishment for sin. Why? God is just.**

We see the effects of sin in Genesis 5 - Adam (and his descendants) died.

Genesis 5:5 (ESV) Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

Information (What We Need to Know)

God's Heart is for People to Repent...

God says in Ezekiel 33:11, "... *I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways!*"

- **Enoch** called people to repent

Genesis 5:24 (ESV) Enoch walked with God...

Jude 14 (NLT) Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about these people. He said, "Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones **15** to execute judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

- **God's Spirit** was calling people to repent

Genesis 6:3 (ESV) Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

- **Noah** warned of God's judgment and called people to repent

2 Peter 2:5 (ESV) Noah warned the world of God's righteous judgment.

What was the response of the people? They became more wicked

Genesis 6:5 (ESV) The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **6** And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. **12** And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

God's Actions in Genesis 6...

- **God would destroy unrepentant people** (shows how much God hates sin)
Genesis 6:7 (ESV) So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”
- **God would spare the righteous (Noah and his family)**
Genesis 6:8 (ESV) But Noah found favor [grace] in the eyes of the Lord. **9** ...Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.
 - ✓ Noah was born a sinner under Satan's control like Adam's descendants
 - ✓ Noah responded to God and agreed that he was a sinner, deserving death
Hebrews 11:7 (ESV) By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
 - ✓ Noah would have brought animal sacrifices to God
 - ✓ Noah was trusting God to save him through the coming Deliverer
“This is how God treats those who agree with Him and depend only on Him to make them acceptable to Him. God saves those who deserve to be punished. He saves them because of His grace.” – Firm Foundations
- **God would use a constructed ark to spare Noah and his family from a coming flood**
Genesis 6:13 (ESV) And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. **14** Make yourself an ark of gopher wood.”
Hebrews 11:7 (ESV) By faith Noah...constructed an ark for the saving of his household.
 - ✓ Noah had to follow God's instructions and build the ark exactly as He said (510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high)
 - ✓ God set up the laws that control flotation – He had no problem knowing the perfect design for such a huge ship
 - ✓ Many animals needed to fit into the ark, and God took that into account when He instructed Noah how to build the ark
 - ✓ God instructed Noah to put only one door in the ark.
“There was to be only one ark – only one way by which people could be saved from God's wrath. In addition, the ark was to have only one door through which anyone could enter. Every person and every animal that was to be saved from God's wrath would have to enter the ark through this one door.” – Firm Foundations

Application (What We Need to Do)

Noah is an example of faith...

- He believed God's words, even when he may not have understood everything
Genesis 6:22 (ESV) Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.
 - ✓ Noah had never seen rain or a flood
 - ✓ Noah believed there would be a flood because He trusted God's words
- He entered the ark before it ever rained
Genesis 7:1 (ESV) Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation." **5** And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.
- He entrusted God with the safety of his family (God shut the door)
Genesis 7:16 (ESV) And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.
- He believed God would judge all those outside the ark
Genesis 7:17 (ESV) The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. **21** And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. **22** Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. **23** He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark
 - ✓ For 40 days and nights, the water rose on the earth, until even the tallest trees and highest mountains were covered
 - ✓ After the flood covered the earth, God stopped the rain from falling and the water from gushing up from within the earth

Everyone outside the ark was destroyed by God. Only Noah and his family had believed God and entered the ark.

Why did everyone else die? Because they refused to believe God.

In what way are most people today like those who died in the flood? Most people refuse to believe God. They love sin and don't agree with God that they are wrong.

Instead of following his own way, what did Noah do?

He considered what God said and chose to believe Him.