

Grief, Grace, Guidance

I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. Slide2 Baptism Class - right after service, Agape rm.
- B. Next Week - science lovers, Mark Ritter will be here sharing on *the Story of the Universe*.

II. Slide3 Intro: Grief, Grace, Guidance

- A. Thank you to Andrew L, who gave us last week: *Seth a new beginning; Enoch a new ending; Noah a new hope.*
- B. Ch.6's *brief narrative* bridges the **genealogy** of ch.5 and the **flood narrative** of 6:9–ch.9, serving as both a prologue to the flood narrative and a conclusion to the genealogy.
 - 1. As a **prologue** to the **flood narrative**, it illustrates the *increasing wickedness* on earth. [antediluvian/before the deluge]
 - 2. As a **conclusion** to the **genealogy**, it explains why the **long lifespans** of ch.5 have come to an end.
 - 3. **Noah** serves as the **major-link** between the genealogy and the flood narrative.
- C. Here we have in this brief chapter *a snap shot of Gods redemption for humankind*.
 - 1. It covers: the **fallen** condition of human nature. God's **attitude** toward sin. The **provision** of a way of salvation.

III. Slide4a GOD'S GRIEF (1-7) [outline from, *The Outline Bible*]

- A. BOYS, GIRLS & GIANTS (1-4)
- B. (1) **Daughters** - the OT usually refers to the birth of *male children* when describing a generation. **In this case** the reference to daughters *deliberately contrasts* w/the sons of God. [i.e. an illicit marriage of **spirit** beings & **human** beings]
- C. **Possibility #1** - some see *the sons of God* as **heavenly beings**(fallen angels) that came down & bore children with the *daughters of men*. Creating a hybrid giant race.
 - 1. **Spirit beings are sexless.** Mt.22:28-30 *...In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her." But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power*

of God. For in the resurrection they **neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.**

D. **Possibility #2** - The *sons of God* could represent the human male line of Seth/Sethites (ch. 4), while the *daughters of men* are the descendants of Cain/Cainites (ch.5).

1. Maybe emphasizing God's **favor** of Adam's son **Seth contrasted with His rejection and punishment of Cain.**

E. As far as **Nephilim/giants** *LXX* - The word could be heroes, fierce warriors, a race, a nation

1. Maybe they were tall people (see parenthetical). [Sudanese, men ave 6'4", women 6']

2. What I do know, is that you don't build a doctrine around a **difficult** text.

F. **Slide4b SIN AS AN EXTREME SPORT** (5-7)

G. (5) God sees nothing but human wickedness of *every kind, everywhere, always.*

1. Wiersbe, *God saw a world that was inwardly corrupt, outwardly violent, & upwardly rebellious.*

H. **Slide5a Are human beings basically good or basically evil?**

1. The idea persist in our *humanistically dominated culture* that **sin** is something **peripheral** to our nature.

2. We often see sin as a **flaw** or a **blemish** in our life. There are evil deeds reside at the rim or the edge of our character and never penetrate to the core.

3. Basically, it is assumed, *people are inherently good.*

a) *We get this idea from the wrong comparison.* If we compare ourselves to **Saddam Hussein or Adolf Hitler** we look like a saint.

b) **But** if we make *a perfect holy God* our **yardstick**, basic goodness on an earthly level is *corrupt to the core.*

I. **Total Depravity** is term used to describe this problem, **not utter depravity.**

1. **Slide5b Total depravity** = radical corruption.

2. **Utter depravity** = to be as wicked as one could possible be.

a) Hitler was extremely depraved, **but** he could have been worse than he was.

3. **So**, we are not **utterly depraved**, **but** I/we are **totally depraved.**

a) We are corrupt in the totality of our being.

b) There is **no part of us** does left *untouched* by sin. (Our **minds**, our **wills**, and our **bodies** are affected by evil).

4. **Slide5c** A better term is **Radical corruption**. **Radical** (not meaning *extreme*, nor *dude that's radical/excellent*) but **radical** comes from the Latin word for **root or core**. [in **music** *radical* is belonging to the root of a **chord**. in **linguistics** *radical* is relating to the root of a **word**. in **mathematics** *radical* is belonging to the root of a **#** or **quantity**. in **botany** *radical* is springing directly from the root or stem base of a **plant**]

a) **Slide6** The problem with **sin** is that **it is rooted in the core of our being**.

b) **It permeates our hearts**. It's because **sin** is at our **core** and not merely at the **exterior** of our lives, that **Paul said...**

(1) *No one is righteous - not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.* Rom.3:10-12

c) So it is the verdict of scripture: **we are dead in trespasses & sins** (Eph.2:1). **We are sold under sin** (Rm.7:14). **We are in captivity to the law of sin** (Rm. 7:23). **We are by nature children of wrath** (Eph.2:3).

d) Only by the quickening power of **the Holy Spirit**, may we be brought **out of this state of spiritual death**.

e) It is God who **makes us alive** as we become **His craftsmanship**.

J. (6) **The Lord regretting** -

1. **Slide7 Anthropomorphic** = when one attributes **human characteristics** to something not human.

2. **Anthropopathic** = when one attributes **human feelings** to something not human. (**used here** God doesn't **regret** as we do, **but** shares his **grieving heart**)

IV. **Slide8 GOD'S GRACE (8-10) Noah**

A. **Noah the 10th generation from Adam...**it didn't take long for **sin** to **run rapid** through the human race.

B. Noah, just as any, a sinner saved by grace, through faith.

1. There was **only one way** to be saved from *destruction*, and that was by **entering** the ark; and the ark had only **one door**. It is a picture of the salvation we have in Christ.
2. Heb.11:7 *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.*

V. Slide9 **GOD'S GUIDANCE (11-22)**

A. **DESTRUCTION** (11-13) *what God will do*

1. He will **destroy** all life upon the earth, except for Noah & his family, through a flood.

B. Slide10 **CONSTRUCTION** (14-22) *what Noah will do*

1. He will **construct** a wooden boat *450' L, 75' W, 45' H*.
2. **Then**, Noah is to bring his family inside, along w/at least **1 male and 1 female** of every animal.
 - a) This would be God's *monumental message* to Noah's generation.

C. **The account of a flood** is written into the history of many ancient peoples.

D. **The results of a flood** are seen any many places on the earth.

E. **The belief of a flood** was believed by **Jesus** believed in the flood (Mt.24:37-39 *in the days before the flood...*), and by **Peter** (1Pet.3:20) and by **the author** of Hebrews (11:7).

F. Here we have again, *a snap shot of Gods redemption for humankind*.

1. **It covered:** the **fallen** condition of human nature. God's **attitude** toward sin. The **provision** of a way of salvation. [God has provided a way to be saved from destruction. Come in. Through the 1 door. **Jesus**]

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H. **Original Sin** does not refer primarily to the 1st or original sin committed by Adam & Eve

1. **Original Sin** refers to *the result* of the 1st sin, *the corruption* of the human race.

2. **Original Sin** refers to *the fallen condition in which we are born.*

a) We are **sinners** **not** because we **sin**. **Rather**, we **sin** because we are **sinners**.