

GENESIS: Where Grace Begins

Judgement and Grace: **God's Offer to Noah**

... the Lord saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time ...
Genesis 6:5 (ESV)

Genesis 6 paints a picture of a _____ culture (via the 'Nephilim') as Satan warred with God's creation and covenant.

Lives were _____.

_____ was glorified.

_____ had multiplied faster than the _____ and was now _____.

Total, relentless _____ was the result.

"every inclination ... nothing but evil all the time ..."

Mankind had set itself on a course of inevitable _____.

And God _____. (v. 6) The word expresses the most intense form of human emotion, "a mixture of rage and bitter anguish".

But _____ remains: "Noah found favor with the Lord". (v. 8)

Noah - Unique Among Men

⁹ These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God.

¹⁰ And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6:9-10

Kenneth Mathews, in his commentary on Genesis, observes:

Noah is depicted as Adam redivivus (revived). He is the sole survivor and successor to Adam; both "walk" with God; both are the recipients of the promissory blessing; both are caretakers of the lower creatures; both father three sons; both are workers of the soil; both sin through the fruit of a tree; and both father a wicked son who is under a curse.

righteous – Because he _____ God

blameless – Because he was not _____ by the wicked culture around him

"walked with God" – Because he persistently lived in _____ to God's will

Moses's faith was not _____, however. 2 Peter 2:5 says that Noah was "a _____ of righteousness", and God " _____ " him.

The World Before Judgement: _____.

¹¹ Now the earth was *corrupt* in God's sight, and the earth was filled with wickedness. ¹² God saw how *corrupt* the earth was, for every creature had *corrupted* its way on the earth.

Genesis 6:11-12

To '_____ is a verb meaning to 'spoil / ruin / lay waste / devastate'.

All now was _____ to God's good design and good gift of _____.

The effects of sin affect _____ and _____.

_____ escaped God's eye.

God's Justified and Tallionic* Justice:

"a concept of punishment whereby the prescribed penalty is identical with, or equivalent to, the offense."

God responds to the utter _____ of the world with _____ of the world.

¹³ Then God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to every creature, for the earth is filled with wickedness because of them; therefore I am going to destroy them along with the earth.

Genesis 6:13

In contrast, the Babylonian *Enuma Elish* records that the 'gods' brought about a cataclysmic flood on the earth because the _____ of humanity was depriving them of _____.

*"Their behaviour has become displeasing to me
And I cannot rest in the day-time or sleep at night.
I will destroy and break up their way of life
That silence may reign and we may sleep."*

Rightly understood, God's judgment is entirely _____, considering the utter wickedness of the world.

The world faced two options: _____ or _____.

Visible, Tangible Grace:

¹⁴ "Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it with pitch inside and outside. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: The ark will be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. ¹⁶ You are to make a roof, finishing the sides of the ark to within eighteen inches of the roof. You are to put a door in the side of the ark. Make it with lower, middle, and upper decks.

¹⁷ "Understand that I am bringing a flood—floodwaters on the earth to destroy every creature under heaven with the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives.

How long did it take to build the Ark?

Years until the Flood	Event	Bible Reference
120	Countdown to the Flood begins	<i>Genesis 6:3</i>
100	Noah has Japheth, the first of his sons, when he was 500 years old.	<i>Genesis 5:32; 10:21</i>
98	Noah has Shem who was 100 two years after the Flood.	<i>Genesis 11:10</i>
? Perhaps 95 or 96 the same time between Japheth and Shem.	Ham was the youngest one born to Noah and was aboard the Ark, so he was born prior to the Flood.	<i>Genesis 9:24; Genesis 7:13</i>
? Perhaps 20–40 years for all of the sons to be raised and find a wife	Each son was old enough to be married before construction on the Ark begins.	<i>Genesis 6:18</i>
~ 55–75 years (estimate)	Noah was told to build the Ark, for he, his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives would be aboard the Ark.	<i>Genesis 6:18</i>
Ark Completed		
?	Gather food and put it aboard the Ark.	<i>Genesis 6:21</i>
7 days	Loading the Ark.	<i>Genesis 7:1–4</i>
0	Noah was 600 when the floodwaters came on the earth.	<i>Genesis 7:6</i>

We would end up with a tentative range of about 55 to 75 years for a reasonable *maximum* time to build the Ark. Of course, it could be less than this depending on the age that Noah's sons took wives.

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Faith and Works:

¹⁹You are also to bring into the ark two of all the living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two of everything—from the birds according to their kinds, from the livestock according to their kinds, and from the animals that crawl on the ground according to their kinds—will come to you so that you can keep them alive. ²¹Take with you every kind of food that is eaten; gather it as food for you and for them.”

²²And Noah did this. He did everything that God had commanded him.

Genesis 6:19-22

Noah's righteousness was a _____ righteousness that was revealed in _____.

His faith, like that of Abraham to come, was counted to him as _____. It was not his _____, per se, but his _____ displayed in obedient works.

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.

Hebrews 11:7

Several concluding thoughts:

_____ in an era of _____ is a powerful testimony.

Godliness in an era of wickedness might be very _____.

Our faith is verified and validated by _____.

Sin is unfathomably _____.

God is _____ in _____.

God is _____ in _____.

_____ is our _____.

Like Noah, we ought to be _____ of judgment and salvation.