

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Only Evil Continually"
Genesis 6:1-8
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Genesis 6:5, 11-12

"Olivet Discourse," "The Little Apocalypse," Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, and Luke 21. (Longest discourse in all three Gospels, says it's important.)
Matthew 24:37-39

Way of Deception by appearing to Eve in the form of a serpent,
Way of Imitation through Cain, Man-made Religion, build a city, make a name.

Way of Compromise, Marriage, pursuing your desires, your likes.

Genesis 6:1-8 Only Evil Continually:

Genesis 6:8-13 Noah Believed and Walked With God:

Genesis 6:14-22 Noah Was Faithful Who Worked For God:

Thought Of Our Passage: The Human Race Can Be Divided Into Two Classes, The Godly Who Listen To God, And The Ungodly Who Reject God.

1. Verses 1-4 Human Degeneration:

2. Verse 5 Human Depravity:

3. Verses 6-7 Divine Judgment:

4. Verse 8 Divine Grace:

1. Verses 1-4 Human Degeneration:

Genesis 6:1 Now it came about, we don't know how long - **Genesis 5:28-32**

Population Explosion: when men began to multiply on the face of the land, People were averaging 900 years of age. **Genesis 1:28** Flood period, four billion

and daughters were born to them, referring to human offspring from Adam.

Genesis 6:2 the sons of God & daughters of men Who were they?

Basically 2 Positions. They are not essential to salvation.

1. Godly Line of Seth: sons of God - the godly line of Seth, the bloodline from Adam that would bring the Messiah. **daughters of men** - the ungodly line of Cain. Israel not to marry **Deuteronomy 7:1-4; 1 Kings 11:2; Ezra 9:1-2; 10:1-44; Nehemiah 13:23**

NT Christians Warned: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Lust And Perversion: sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful Sexual perversion. We have the exploitation of the human body

Going Beyond God's Boundary: they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. We don't know the extent of it, but we know it was wrong!

2. Fallen Angels: position taken by early church fathers, rabbinical writers, Josephus. **sons of God** fallen angels that had relations with **daughters of men**

Genesis 6:4 (Offspring produced hybrid giants) Giants were also present after the flood. (**Numbers 13:31-33**)

sons of God – four times OT refers to angels **Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Daniel 3:25**

Demons craved for bodies **Mark 5:11-13; Luke 8:31-33; 11:24-26; Hebrews 13:2**

Apostasy In The Ranks Of Angels: 1 Peter 3:19 the **spirits** (*only used to describe supernatural beings*) **now in prison, 1 Peter 3:20**

2 Peter 2:4-6; Jude 7 went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example,

Objection - Angels Don't Marry: Matthew 22:30 speaking of demons on earth.

Demonic Activity: Demon possession in persons, taking the souls of people. Wanting to achieve immortality, **1 Timothy 4:1; Ephesians 6:12**

saw that the daughters of men These were the women that were on earth at this time.

Going Beyond God's Boundary: took wives plural Genesis 4:19

Genesis 6:3 God Sets The Boundary On Judgment: "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, word **strive** – "*putting up with*" "**My Spirit (Holy Spirit)** – God's ministry of convicting the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. **John 16:8**

Man – nine times in **Genesis 6:1-7** Ungodly people beyond redemption, reprobate

God set the boundaries of Satan with Job in **Job 1-2**

because he also is flesh; Mortality. **Psalm 103:15-17**

nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
Psalms 90:10 says 70-80 years. 120 years before the flood is going to come. **1 Peter 3:20**

Noah had 100 years from the birth of his sons until the flood
Genesis 5:32; 7:6 next 20 years plans with Noah. Built the ark in about 75 years. **2 Peter 3:9**

Verse 4 - Godless Activity: Genesis 6:4 The Nephilim (giants) "fallen ones."

were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, Numbers 13:31-33 (Joshua 11; 14-15) Goliath 1 Samuel 17, (2 Samuel 21; 1 Chronicles 20)

Going Beyond God's Boundary: when the sons of God came into the daughters of men, and they bore children to them.

Angels eat food **Genesis 18:1-8; 19:13** they materialize.

Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.
"Military leaders with wealth or power, men of name" This speaks of how men looked at these as mighty leaders. Cain named a city after his son
Genesis 4:17 Later the building of Babel **Genesis 11:4**. God is the one who makes us great. **Genesis 12:2; Luke 16:15**

2. Verse 5 Human Depravity:

Genesis 6:5 Wickedness Of Mens' Hearts: Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth,

Wickedness of man – This speaks of the outward working of sin. That which is displayed. See this on the job and on the news.

and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart This speaks of the inward attitude. The true condition of the heart. Potter with the act of forming and molding his vessel. **Isaiah 29:16; Genesis 2:7-8** opposite of God is only sin, destruction.

was only evil continually. The word **continually** – the idea of *"taking ones God given capacities and devising evil continually, pour yourself into doing evil"* This is the point that sin has reached its maximum ripeness.

Notice how bad it really was **every, only, continually** That was bad! Total depravity. **Romans 1** depraved mind

3. Verses 6-7 Divine Judgment:

Genesis 6:6 God's Disappointment: was sorry that He had made man on the earth, Hard to interpret. Used some **30 times** in Scripture in which God uses human emotions to express God. **Sorry/Grieve** – *"to be moved with pity," Love words, we don't grieve over those we do not love.*

Jonah preached to the wicked Assyrians in Nineveh, and they repented. Jonah 3:10 God did not judge them, God forgave them. 100 years later Nahum proclaims Nineveh's down fall. (Zephaniah 2:13-14)

and He was grieved in His heart. He grieves because He loves.

Genesis 6:7 God's Decision: The LORD said, "I will blot out "destroy, wipe as with a dish" (2 Kings 21:13) man whom I have created from the face of the land, four billion people.

The potter has authority over the clay **1 Corinthians 15:22**

God destroyed pharaoh and his army. **Exodus 14:27-28** Korah
Numbers 16:31-33

for I am sorry that I have made them." This judgment was going to be worldwide.

4. Verse 8 Divine Grace:

Genesis 6:8 But Noah blessed exception! Introduced in **Genesis 5:29-32**
Noah – "*comfort or rest*" Name given by his father as an expression of hope.

God always has His special man. **Moses, Joshua, David, Abraham, Elijah, Daniel**

found favor (Grace) 1st Specific Mention of Grace: grace of God is not a reward for good behavior, it is God's response to saving faith.
Hebrews 11:7; Ezekiel 14:20

Peter used the ark as an object lesson. **2 Peter 2:5**

Why does God love us? God chooses to, His Agape Love. **John 3:16;**
Romans 5:8

in the eyes of the LORD. Genesis 6:9

Application:

- 1.** Mankind Brought God's Judgment Upon The World By Going Beyond God's Boundary. **Genesis 6:2, 5**
- 2.** God Sets The Boundary On Judgment. **Genesis 6:3**
- 3.** God's Disappointment: **Genesis 6:6** *We only grieve over those we love.*
- 4.** "But Noah" **found favor in the eyes of the LORD.** 1st Specific Mention of Grace: The Grace Of God Is Not A Reward For Good Behavior, It Is God's Response To Saving Faith.