

Before the Flood

- **Gen 6:2,4 Chimeras were born, human-angel hybrids.**
- **Gen 6:5 The earth was rapidly descending into chaos.**
- **Mankind was soon going to self-destruct.**
- **But God was in control**

Before the Flood

- **God had a plan for the human race. He was going to bring in a redeemer.**
- **Jude 6 Chimeras stopped. Offending demons were confined.**
- **Gen 6:8 *But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.* God sought a righteous man to accomplish His will.**

A Fresh Start

- **God decreed that a fresh start was needed.**
- **A purely human race, started off by Noah.**
- **No corrupt angelic DNA.**
- **There was going to be a huge collateral damage to the entire earth.**

A Fresh Start

- **Noah was a single righteous man who God found in the entire earth.**
- **2 Chr 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.***

God Seeks Us

- **Acts 10 tells the story of Cornelius, a devout Roman who searched for God.**
- **Acts 10:35 Peter says “... *but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.*”**
- **God welcomed a Roman who sought to do His will.**

God Seeks Us

- **2 Chr 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.***
- **The Lord will use you and me if our heart is completely His.**
- **Noah's heart was the Lord's, and the Lord used him in a very critical way.**

The Witness of Noah

- **Gen 6:14 – 7:5 The witness of Noah.**
- **People saw Noah building an ark, probably in the middle of a forest.**
- **Heb 11:7 *By faith Noah, being warned of God about things not yet seen, prepared an ark ...***
- **The *things not yet seen* was rain!**

The Witness of Noah

- **Gen 2:5-6 ... *God had not sent rain upon the earth ... a mist used to rise from the earth ...***
Rain had never been seen before!
- **People must have laughed at him. They had never seen water come down from the sky!**
- **Gen 6:3 ... *nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years***
- **Noah bore their scorn for 120 years!**

The Witness of Noah

- **Read Prov 1:20-33. Wisdom is calling us**
- **We scoff and reject Wisdom at our own peril**
- **The Lord stretches out His hand to us**
- **He will save us if we will listen to Him**
- **Let us not wait till it is too late!**

The Witness of Noah

- **Gen 6:19-20 ... *two of every kind shall come to you to keep them alive.***
- **People saw animals coming by twos into the ark.**
- **Then they probably stopped laughing. They probably wondered ...**
- **Still they did not believe Noah's witness.**

The Witness of Noah

- **The only people who believed Noah were in his immediate family.**
- **Heb 11:7 *By faith Noah ... in reverence prepared an Ark ... became an heir of righteousness.***
- **Noah is praised for his faith and obedience.**
- **He was not a successful witness!**

The Witness of Noah

- **Matt 25:23 *Well done, good and faithful slave ...***
- **God calls us to be faithful!**
- **Not to be successful!**
- **Maybe those we share with will reject the Lord.**
- **That is their responsibility ... not ours.**

Too Late!

- And then ... it was too late.
- One day it may be too late for each of us. But today it is not yet too late.
- 12 Cor 6:2 ... *Behold, now is “the acceptable time,” behold, now is “the day of salvation”*
- Decide for God before it is too late!

Unintended Consequences

- Sin has unintended consequences.
- Gen 7:21... *all flesh that moved on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts ...*
- The flood killed millions of animals and other created things as a result of man's sin.

Unintended Consequences

- **Sin has unintended consequences.**
- **There is universal suffering in this broken world.**
- **Even sinless animals died in the flood.**
- **The righteous suffer with the unrighteous.**

Unintended Consequences

- **Gen 7:21 *All flesh that moved on the earth perished ...***
- **Gen 7:22 *of all that was on dry land, all in whose mouths was the breath of the spirit of life died.***
- **A universal flood.**
- **Even sinless animals died in the flood.**

The End of the Flood

- **Gen 8:1 *But God remembered ...***
- **Suffering ends.**
- **Psalm 30:5 *For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy comes in the morning.***
- **And Noah and his family went out into the earth.**

The End of the Flood

- **Gen 9:1 ... *God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth”.***
- **It was a fresh start.**

The End of the Flood

- Some things changed.
- **Gen 9:2** *The fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast ...*
- All beasts are now afraid of mankind, for his protection.
- But humans were still in danger ... from other humans!
- **Gen 9:6** ... *Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed.*
- Humans are warned against murder, for their protection.

The Promise

- **Gen 9:13 *I set My bow in the cloud ...***
- **Never again will a flood destroy the earth.**
- **2 Pet 3:7 *But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.***

The Promise

- **The present earth will later be destroyed by fire.**
- **Rev 21 A new earth and heaven will be created**
- **The first things will pass away and new things will come.**
- **He Himself will wipe away all our tears!**

God Delivers Us

- Jeroboam was a wicked king.
- In order to secure his dynasty, he brought in idolatry into Israel.
- But his son had a heart for God.
- 1 Kings 14:13 ... *something good was found toward the Lord God ...*
- God took him home ... he was spared the shame and destruction of Jeroboam

God Delivers Us

- Sometimes, like Noah, God delivers us while we are alive on earth.
- Other times, like Jeroboam's son, God delivers us by taking us home.
- But either way, He delivers us!
- Our suffering on earth is temporary.

God Delivers Us

- **2 Cor 4:16 .. *But though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.***
- **Through our suffering, God is changing us.**
- **This was a key point in a book we recently studied!**
- ***How People Change* by Paul Tripp.**

God Delivers Us

- **2 Cor 4:17 .. *For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.***
- **He promises us that our suffering is not in vain!**
- **We will receive an eternal weight of glory!**

God Delivers Us

- **2 Cor 4: 18 ... *for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.***
- **Our suffering is temporary!**
- **The flood was temporary. God was bringing about a cleansing of the earth.**

God Seeks Us

- **God sought Noah.**
- **In the years to come, God would seek Abraham.**
- **In the years to come, God would seek David.**
- **In the years to come, God would seek Paul.**
- **In the years to come, God would seek you!**

God Seeks Us

- **In an ungodly earth, God used Noah.**
- **In an ungodly world, God used Abraham.**
- **In an ungodly Israel, God used Samuel.**
- **In an ungodly Israel, God used David.**

God Seeks Us

- In an ungodly world, God used Jesus.
- 2 Chr 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.*
- In today's ungodly world, God uses us.

God Seeks Us

- **Will we have a heart that is completely His?**
- **God is sovereign. He is working His plan.**
- **Will we work with Him?**

Summary

- **Sin has unintended consequences.**
- **There is collateral damage. The righteous also suffer due to the wickedness of others.**
- **But suffering is temporary!**
- **He is seeking those whose heart is completely His.**
- **God calls us to be faithful, not successful!**