

CHILDREN'S SERMONS FOR GROWN-UPS

Part 1: Rising Waters and Wooden Vessels

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV).

1. EVIL GRIEVED THE HEART OF GOD

“The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The Lord regretted that He had made human beings on the earth, and His heart was deeply troubled” (Genesis 6:5-6 NIV).

“...It broke His heart” (Genesis 6:6b NLT).

“Meanwhile, the crime rate was rising rapidly across the earth, and, as seen by God, the world was rotten to the core” (Genesis 6:11 LB).

2. GOD CHOSE TO DEAL WITH CORRUPTION

“And He said, ‘I will blot out from the face of the earth all mankind that I created. Yes, and the animals, too, and the reptiles and the birds. For I am sorry I made them.’ But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord” (Genesis 6:7-8a LB).

“The Lord was pleased with Noah” (Genesis 6:8a GN).

“I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth... I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish” (Genesis 6:13, 17 NIV).

3. GOD PREPARED A WAY OUT

So make yourself an ark of cypress wood... I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark – you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you” (Genesis 6:14a, 18 NIV).

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8 NIV).

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4. GOD MADE A COVENANT AND NOAH OBEYED

“But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark’... Noah did everything just as God commanded him” (Genesis 6:18, 22 NIV).

5. GOD CARRIED OUT HIS JUDGMENT

“All the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights... Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out... Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark” (Genesis 7:11-12, 23 NIV).

“But God remembered Noah” (Genesis 8:1 NIV).

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6. THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NOAH'S DAY AND OURS

- **Noah Built His Own Ark; God Provided Ours**

“On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross...”

- **God Sealed Noah's Door; Ours Is Still Open**

“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me”
(Luke 9:23 ESV).

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9 ESV).