

IN THE BEGINNING

Part Thirty-Eight: The Beginning of Global Judgment upon Sinners

Text: Gen. 6:1-8

I. THE _____ FOR GLOBAL JUDGMENT

- Seven characteristics of the wickedness of the human race before the Flood:
 1. It was _____ (vs. 5)—“great.”
 2. It was _____ —“continually.”
 3. It was _____ —“every imagination” = premeditated.
 4. It was _____ —“every imagination; only evil.”
 5. It was _____ (vs. 11-12)—“corrupt” (3x)
 6. It was _____ (vs. 12)—“the earth was filled with violence.”
 7. It was _____ (vs. 1-2, 4)—the growth of wickedness on the earth had Satanic encouragement.
 - “Sons of God” = _____
 - “Giants” = nephilim (“_____ ones”)
 - See Jude 1:6-7, 2 Pet. 2:4-5.

II. GOD’S _____ TO SEND GLOBAL JUDGMENT

- In God’s decision to wipe out all life on earth in Flood and in this passage we see six truths about how God deals with wicked sinners (then and today):
 1. God _____ Sinners (vs. 3).
 - He _____ against them.
 - He sets _____ on them.
 2. God Is _____ with Sinners.
 - Revealed in the context in three ways:
 - In His efforts to “strive” with wicked people.
 - In the exceptionally _____ life of Methuselah.
 - In the ample _____ given through the preaching of Noah (1 Pet. 3:19-20).
 3. God _____ Sinners (vs. 5).
 - “And God _____” their wicked deeds, thoughts, and motivations.
 - Application: Nothing will be overlooked on judgment day (Matt. 12:36, 1 Cor. 4:5).
 4. God _____ to Sinners (vs. 6-7).
 - The wickedness of sinners _____ God’s heart.
 - The wickedness of sinners _____ God’s judgment.

- “Repent” = to be grieved or sorry, change one’s mind, relent, or be comforted.
 - Not that God needed to be sorry for _____.
 - Not that God goes back on or fails to _____ His Word (Num. 23:19).
 - Not that God makes _____ that He has to go back and correct.
 - Not that He ficklely or arbitrarily changes His mind (Mal. 3:6).
 - But that God’s regret at the exceeding wickedness of human race initiated a new phase of God’s _____ with the human race.

5. God _____ Sinners (vs. 7).

- God’s determined to destroy all human life on the earth with a Flood.
- Application: Don’t _____ on the continuing mercies of God.
 - If you are living in sin, God may give you additional time to repent or He may not.
 - God’s time for planet earth is running out once again. Much more global judgment is on the way in a time called the Day of the _____ (1 Thess. 5:2-3).

6. God Gives _____ to Sinners (vs. 8).

- The first mention of grace in the Bible.
- “Grace” = _____; specifically, unmerited favor made possible for sinners at Christ’s expense.

APPLICATION

- We should understand that our planet is once again ripe for global judgment and _____ ourselves accordingly (2 Pet. 3:9-12, Rev. 22:20-21).
- 2 Questions:
 - Have you received the grace of God by repenting of your sins and _____ in Christ?
 - By grace through faith, are you growing in a life of fruitful _____ in the midst of abounding wickedness (like Noah), or have the world and Wicked One succeeding in corrupting you to some degree? (Heb. 3:12-13, 10:23-25).