



Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

Lesson 03

The LORD is Grieved

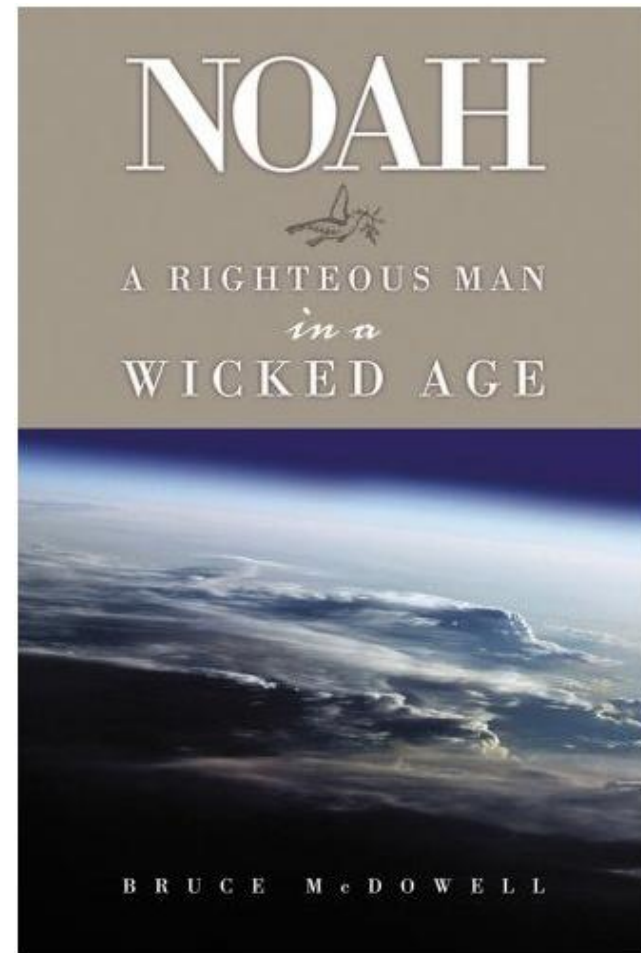
Genesis 6:5-8

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The LORD is Grieved

Chapters 6:5-8

The Wickedness and Judgment of Man

Genesis 6:1-8 - *NKJV*



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Human Wickedness

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- ✓ What resulted from the Fall in the garden
 - After creating the universe, plants, animals and humans (Genesis 1:31)

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– Genesis 1:31

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■ Wickedness of Man

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 - After creating the universe, plants, animals and humans (Genesis 1:31)
- In this verse
 - ✓ God was grieved by what He saw of man's wickedness
 - ✓ It was a very great wickedness on the part of all but Noah



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- Speaks to our very sinful nature (Romans 3:10-12)

¹⁰ As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

¹² They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one."

– **Romans 3:10-12**

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But we are all like an **unclean** thing,
And all our **righteousnesses** are like **filthy rags**;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away. — **Isaiah 64:6**

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21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, **although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth**; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.— **Genesis 8:21**

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 - ✓ Human nature did not change after the flood.
 - ✓ People did not become better.

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▪ Every Intent ... Evil Continually

- Only Solution to Humanity's Sin Problem
 - ✓ Found ONLY in the God-Man Jesus the Christ
 - Satisfied the justice of God at the cross through the blood
 - ✓ Entombed in the ark, Noah passed through judgment
 - A type of the satisfaction of God's justice against sin



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The LORD's Grief

Chapters 6:6



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Genesis 6:6 - Observations



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■ The LORD Was Sorry

- This verse does not teach that
 - ✓ God made a mistake
 - God did not make a mistake in creating humanity
 - ✓ God changed His mind
 - God does not change His plans in reaction to things outside His control ...
Nothing is outside His control
- God was not surprised by the development of sin in humanity
 - ✓ God is not surprised by anything
 - ✓ God is sovereign
 - ✓ God knows the end from the beginning
- God has an eternal plan that does not change

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an·thro·po·mor·phic  *adjective* \an(t)-thrə-pə-'môr-fik\

Definition of ANTHROPOMORPHIC

1 : described or thought of as having a human form or human attributes <anthropomorphic deities>

2 : ascribing human characteristics to nonhuman things <anthropomorphic supernaturalism>

— an·thro·po·mor·phi·cal·ly   *adverb*

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- God was angry with that generation for their perverse sins of corruption and violence
 - ✓ God is a holy God and sin is totally contrary to His nature
- Can God be in the presence of sin?



Genesis 6:6 - Observations

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

■ He Was Grieved

- After the flood, Noah offered a burnt offering
 - ✓ God received as a soothing aroma
 - ✓ This is a type of the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ on the cross
 - Turns away the wrath of God against our sin
 - We are saved from the indignant rage of God for our sins because Christ bore our sins for us
 - Jesus' sacrifice is the only means of salvation (Acts 4:12)

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." – **Acts 4:12**



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The LORD's Destruction

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7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

■ I Will Destroy Man

- Noah and his household were the last of the godly people from the line of Seth that survived
 - ✓ Through them God's plan for the salvation of humanity would be realized in the fulfillment of the messianic Seed - the seed of the woman
- God's response was to reverse His creation in order to make a new beginning
 - ✓ In these verses and the flood account a connection is made between
 - Creation account (Genesis 1) ... In the beginning ... face of the deep
 - Flood account (Genesis 7-8)
- God continues to exact punishment on people who rebel against His Lordship

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 - ✓ Although created good
 - ✓ Would be destroyed because of its wickedness, by the Great Flood
- The second epoch human kind - from the flood to the present
 - ✓ Will be destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:7)

⁷ But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.— **2 Peter 3:7**



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 - ✓ ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.
 - ✓ ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."
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■ I Will Destroy Man

- From the sudden destruction of humanity by judgment
 - ✓ God want to teach us to be ready for another sudden destruction that will come on the earth.
- Jesus' disciples asked Him what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the age. (Matthew 24:36-44) ... *part of Olivet discourse*
- Are we ready to meet the LORD?
 - ✓ No one knows when He will come back again
 - ✓ We must be watching and waiting for His return
 - ✓ We must have full assurance that He is coming back for us



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■ Noah Found Grace

- Notice it says Noah **found** grace
 - ✓ Not Noah earned, or deserved grace
 - ✓ Noah was saved by grace, through faith (Ephesians 2:8)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, – **Ephesians 2:8**

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- Some translation use the work **favor** instead **grace** in this verse
 - ✓ This is the first mention of grace in the Bible
 - ✓ Other patriarchs in the Seth line were recipients of God's grace
- God always reserves a remnant of those who are faithful to Him
 - ✓ Those of us who have trusted in Christ alone for our salvation are the believing remnant today



Genesis 6:8 - Observations

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■ Noah Found Grace

- Apart from the grace of God, we would all face God's wrath and destruction
 - ✓ **Gods Riches At Christ's Expense**
 - Free gift of God
 - Paid for by the blood of Christ our redeemer

