

God Always Judges Evil

Genesis 6:5-8:19

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God always judges sin.

- God has the authority to judge.
- God really hates sin.
- God's judgment is complete.
- God's judgment is severe.
- God's judgment is final.

God saves those who walk with Him.

- Those who walk with God trust Him.
- Those who trust God obey Him.
- Those who trust God trust Him in all things.
- Those who trust God often have to wait for deliverance.
- Those who trust God always get delivered.

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^{6:5}The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. ¹⁶Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. ²¹Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." ²²Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

^{7:1} Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, ³and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." ⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him. ⁶Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. ⁷And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, ⁹two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and

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Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark,¹⁴ they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature.¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.¹⁸ The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.¹⁹ And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.²⁰ The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind.²² Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark.²⁴ And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.² The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained,³ and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated,⁴ and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.⁵ And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made⁷ and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth.⁸ Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground.⁹ But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him.¹⁰ He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark.¹¹ And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.¹² Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.¹³ In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry.¹⁴ In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out.¹⁵ Then God said to Noah,¹⁶ "Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you."¹⁷ Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."¹⁸ So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.¹⁹ Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read Genesis Chapters 6-9

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize Genesis 1? Genesis 2? Genesis 3?
2. Does 6:1-7 seem to be wrapping up previous chapters or introducing what's to follow? Explain.
3. How would you describe Moses summary of the culture that exists in Genesis 6? Explain the problem and the consequences.
4. Who are "the sons of God" and "the daughters of man" and why is their behavior characterized as sinful?
5. What does Moses share with his readers about God's view of sin? What does the text mean when it says God's heart was grieved?
6. How does the description of Noah and his sons differ from the descriptions of those around them and why is it important?
7. How does Noah demonstrate his walking with God? What is Moses communicating through the depth of specific instructions God gave to Noah?
8. Why is Moses so specific concerning the length of time for each event in the flood?
9. Do you think that the fact that God shut the door has any importance? And opened it? Explain. Why did God promise never again to cut off all flesh or destroy the earth by flood?
10. How do you articulate the big idea God was illustrating to Noah?

How does it apply?

1. As you reflect on the culture around us, do you have a growing discontent for the sin that exists in our personal lives? Around us? How do we echo God's stance without executing judgment?
2. How do you practice a life that seeks to trust God in the small stuff? If we trust God for eternity, is there disconnect between the way we trust Him in our relationships, marriage, in our kids, in our career moves? Explain.
3. What is that area of anxiety that keeps you up at night? What does it look like to reflect patience in His timing that differs from simple passivity? How can you trust and obey like Noah in the midst of that issue? How can we more readily reflect joy in His plan?