

The Evil That Pours In

When the Flood Waters Rise

Genesis 1:1-10

You are always righteous, O LORD, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease? **Jeremiah 12:1**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. **Isaiah 43:2**

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. **Psalms 32:6**

The Evil of Noah's Day From God's _____

The world of Noah's day was extremely _____

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. **Genesis 6:5**

Pornography in America, in 2015

- 21.2 billion visits over the year
- 4,392,486,580 hours viewing pornography
- An average of 135 pages for every citizen in US
- Enough for every person in America viewing 10 minutes per day, every day of the year

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Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **Genesis 6:11**

Preoccupation with _____ interests

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; **Matthew 24:37-38**

How God Responded to the Evil of Noah's day

Genesis 6

God's Heart was _____

The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. "It broke His heart." (Living Bible)

Genesis 6:6

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
Ephesians 4:30

God was _____ with man's rebellion

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

Two Big Differences Between God and Man

1. God loves every human being
2. God measures _____ differently than we do

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. **Psalms 90:4**

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. **2 Peter 3:8**

God _____ before judgment

- Sodom warned by angels
- Nineveh warned by Jonah
- Jerusalem warned through Jesus
- Noah preached to the wicked for 120 years

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 6:17**

***God used the ark to draw people to hear Noah preach
warning them of impending judgment if they didn't repent.***

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. **Hebrews 11:7**

God had His _____ of evil

on that day 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. **Genesis 7:11b-12**

So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. **Genesis 1:7**

and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground.
Genesis 2:5

when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep
Proverbs 8:28

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day 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. **Genesis 7:11-12**

"It was the will of God that sin be removed, not merely refined." —A. W. Tozer

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. **Genesis 6:8-9**

What made Noah Righteous before God?

- Noah was _____
- Noah was obedient to God's details
- Noah was diligent

Two lessons to remember when evil threatens

1. Be _____

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **Romans 12:19**

¹ Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

² But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold.

³ For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴ They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong.

⁵ They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills.

⁶ Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence.

⁷ From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds know no limits.

⁸ They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.

⁹ Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance.

¹¹ They say, "How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?"

¹² This is what the wicked are like-- always carefree, they increase in wealth.

¹³ Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure; in vain have I washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴ All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning.

¹⁵ *If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children.*
¹⁶ *When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me*
¹⁷ *till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.*
¹⁸ *Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin.*
¹⁹ *How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors!*
²⁰ *As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.*
²¹ *When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered,*
²² *I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.*
²³ *Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.*
²⁴ *You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.*
²⁵ *Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*
²⁶ *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*
²⁷ *Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you.*
²⁸ *But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.*

Psalm 73:1-28

2. Be _____

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; **2 Peter 2:5**

if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. **2 Peter 2:9**

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
Jeremiah 17:9

God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 3:20-21

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