



Genesis 6:1—8:19 (Trevor Faggotter)

‘Corruption, Righteous Noah and the Flood’

Preaching Themes

Faith and Righteousness: Hebrews 11:7

Be Prepared: Matt. 24:36-42; Luke 17:26-30.

Salvation/Baptism. Warnings: 1Peter 3:17-22; 2Peter 2:1-22

God’s Compassion and Love (Isaiah 54:7-10)

Divisions:

(1) Genesis 6:1—8 Increasing Corruption—*Intro. to Deluge*

(2) Genesis 6:11—7:24 Noah and the Flood

(3) Genesis 8:1—19 The Flood Subsides

Genesis 6:1-8

Three *very* different interpretations - *identity* of ‘the sons of God’ and ‘the daughters of men’ (Genesis 6:4):

The Sethite View: Sethite line, married Cainite people. ‘The Nephilim were on the earth in those days’.

Angels co-habited with Female **Humans**.

Psalm 8, Psalm 82, Jude 6; 2Peter 2:4; Enoch 7:1-15.

Karl Barth (CD III.3.51, p. 519) ‘Sinister matters may be very real, but they must not be contemplated too long or studied too precisely or adopted too intensively. We need to only give demons ‘a quick sharp glance’ or ‘they can finally catch out, not bad theologians, but good’

Tyrants: Immorality totally by-passed loving relationships. ‘Sons of the

gods’. The *gods* were pagan tyrants, taking women as/when they wished; cohabiting without morals.

Whatever our view, we can all conclude that immorality was endemic, and evil was rife, such that ‘the final human assertion of arrogant independence which prompted the divine response of the flood’ (W. Dumbrell)

Context of Flood: Genesis 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.

Covenant Grace: Genesis 6:8 But Noah found favour in the sight of the Lord.

Genesis 6:11—7:24

Covenant Grace—is God’s intention *for* his Creation. Genesis 6:18-19 But 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. And of every living thing, of all flesh...

Unilateral Covenant – Great King gives to lesser conquered king. Formalises what is the case, in *establishing, or confirming, (not initiate)*. Before the foundation of the world, God was the God of the Eternal Covenant (Hebrews 13:20). The Covenant with the night and day (Jeremiah 33:19-22; Acts 3:21; Matt. 19:28; 1Peter 4:19). Faithful Creator.

Major Covenants: ‘Creation’, Noah, Abraham, Moses (Israel), David, New Covenant: Jesus and his People.

Obedient Response to the Covenant God (Gen. 7:9). In the chiasmic studies place A-B-B-A the central verse is: Genesis 8:1 But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark.

Genesis 8:1-19

Ark: rests on the mountains of Ararat (Gen. 8:4)