

***God's Grief Over a Wicked World***  
**Genesis 6:1-8**

***The Sons of God saw the daughters of men were good . . . 6:1-4***

- Dreadful marriage crisis here (cf. 3:6), but who are *the sons of God*?
  - 1) Dynastic Despots?
  - 2) Sethites?
  - 3) Fallen Angels or demon-possessed men?

- Who are daughters of men/mankind?
- God's response = a limit of patiently waiting for 120 yrs., I Pt. 3:20.
- Complications from dreadful marriages: Nephilim/mighty men of old/renown, Num. 13:33 cf. Deut. 9:3, Amos 2:9, II Sam. 20:21,22.

***God saw the wickedness of man was great . . . 6:5-7***

- God's further response = pain (5:29, 3:17) and sorrow (5:29)
  - = plan to blot out all life on earth
- God's evaluation of the impact of v.2 = violence and ruin of both mankind and the earth (11-13). Compare 6:5b to 8:21b.
  - How might 3:15 help understand God devastating response?
- Consider Jesus' warning in Matt. 24:37-39.

***In God's eyes, Noah found grace . . . 6:8***

This = first mention of favor/grace in Scripture. See 6:9 and Heb. 11:7 for Noah's character.

