

# Deep Corruption, Deeper Grace

Genesis 6:1–22

## Big Idea

God's grace preserves His people in a world deeply corrupted by seen and unseen evil.

## I. Heaven crossed a line, and earth paid the price(vv. 1–4)

- Humanity multiplies, but then “the sons of God” appear.
- In the Old Testament, “sons of God” refers to spiritual beings, not human men.
- They “saw” and “took,” echoing Eve’s pattern of rebellion.
- Jude describes this as beings leaving their proper authority and dwelling.
- The result is the Nephilim, violent mighty men who spread corruption and tyranny.
- Boundaries God built into creation were violated, including heaven and earth, spirit and flesh, visible and invisible.
- This reminds us there is more happening in the world than human choices alone.
- Our struggle is not only flesh and blood, but spiritual forces of evil.

## II. God does not overlook sin; He confronts it (vv. 5–7)

- God sees the world clearly. Every intention of the human heart is only evil continually.
- God is grieved. This is not weakness or ignorance. It is wounded holiness.
- Judgment is announced. God will blot out life from the land.
- The 120 years is a countdown of divine patience, not a limit on human lifespan.
- God’s patience gives time for warning, repentance, and the building of salvation in plain sight.
- God sees corruption more clearly than we do, grieves over it more deeply than we do, and responds more righteously than we ever could.

## III. Grace finds a man, and faith builds a boat (vv. 8–14)

- “Noah found favor” is the first appearance of grace in the Bible.
- Noah did not earn favor. God gave it.
- Noah walks with God in a generation that walks away from God.

- Grace warns Noah of judgment and gives him a way through it.
- God commands Noah to build the ark.
- Faith is not a feeling. Faith is obedience to what God says, even when you cannot yet see what God is doing.

## IV. Obedience measures in inches; faith measures in years (vv. 14–22)

- The ark is massive and built over decades.
- For years, Noah keeps building while the sky stays the same.
- Scripture summarizes it simply. Noah did all that God commanded him.
- God measures faith in faithfulness.
- You are not responsible for the rain. You are responsible for the wood.
- Faithfulness often looks ordinary. One more board. One more day. One more year.

## V. Christ is our ark in a flooded world

- The flood shows how God saves when judgment falls.
- There was one safe place. It was inside the ark.
- The ark had one door, pointing to Christ.
- Jesus is the door and the only way.
- A greater judgment is coming, and the only refuge is being in Christ.
- The question is not whether you respect the story, but whether you have entered the refuge God has provided.
- The judgment is real, and so is God’s mercy.


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