

Sin, Grace, and Covenant

Genesis 6:5-14

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Is your life getting better or worse?

Is the world getting better or worse?

Do you look at people and see the best in them or look for the worse?

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- God declares every inclination of the human heart is evil.
- The world is filled with violence because of humanity.
- God focuses on the sin that resides in our heart.
- The heart is the center of who we are. All of our dreams, will, desires, plans, words, actions, thoughts, and attitude begin in our heart.

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- BUT- there seems to often be a 'but' with God.
- God has grace on Noah.
- God finds one person who lives rightly, with integrity, and who has a relationship with God.
- Noah is not perfect, sin is in his heart too, but he seems to be trying to live his life rightly before God and the world.

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- Creation gets a second chance.
- Humanity gets a second chance.

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- Noah's response to God's grace is to bring an offering and to worship God.
- What is our response to God's grace, mercy and love?
- Do we have eyes to see the ways God floods our lives daily with grace, mercy and love?
- What offering do we bring to God?

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- After the flood the state of humanity is the same. Human hearts are still evil and still inclined to sin. Little has changed today.
- Where is our heart inclined to evil?
- Where has sin hardened our heart?
- Where are we in rebellion from God? Are we doing the good and right we know we should?

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- Human beings are still the pinnacle of God's creation.
- We alone are made in God's image. Sin may mar the image of God but it is still there.
- Every person is made in God's image.
- Do we see every person first through the lens of God? Are the men and women created in God's image with worth, value and dignity?
- What is our heart response to the people around us? Does it need to be changed?

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- Where are our hearts inclined to sin?
- Where do we need to daily cry out to God to, “Give us a new heart!”
- Are we aware of God’s grace, mercy and love that daily floods our lives?
- What offering of worship do we bring to God?
- Are we able to see the image of God in others and treat them as image bearers?