

THE BLAME GAME
Genesis 6:1-18

1. The _____ of Noah's Peers

Verse 5, "The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time."

- According to Jesus, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:37
- Have you noticed how widespread violence is in our world?
- Because of man's sin, the Lord was grieved that He had made man on earth, and His heart was filled with pain.
- Have you ever tried to imagine God with a painful heart?
- Principle #1 - I am accountable to an absolute standard of truth regardless of public opinion

2. The _____ of Noah

Verse 8, "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

- Noah was a righteous man and blameless among the people.
- Regardless of those around him, Noah was close to God.
- We're also told that Noah was "a preacher of righteousness."
- Do you think that Noah ever became discouraged?
- Principle #2 - I am responsible for right choices regardless of my personal feelings

3. The _____ of Almighty God

Verse 13, "So God said to Noah, 'I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.'"

- Have you ever wondered what kind of God would do something like that??? A "just" God... that's who!
- God gave the people of Noah's day 120 years to change?
- We serve a patient God, one who desires that all men repent (Jonah 4:2)
- Hebrews 11:7, "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."
- Principle #3 - God may be loving and compassionate but He is also just

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

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