



Our last lesson ended with the LORD God pronouncing judgment on Adam, Eve, and the deceitful serpent in Genesis 3. By the time we reach Genesis 6, the situation is *really* bad.

The LORD saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only \_\_\_\_\_ continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. (6:5-6)

- ☼ What can you find between the end of Genesis 3 and the beginning of Genesis 6 as examples of “the wickedness of man”? Notice also Genesis 6:11-12...

So the LORD said, “I will blot \_\_\_\_\_ man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But \_\_\_\_\_ found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (6:7-8)

God goes on to give instructions to Noah—“a righteous man, blameless in his generation” (6:9)—for the building of “an ark of gopher wood.”

“For behold, I will bring a \_\_\_\_\_ of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my \_\_\_\_\_ with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.” (6:17-18)

- ☼ In your own words, what is God saying?

Notice what Scripture tells us about what happened after this terrible flood:

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will \_\_\_\_\_ again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I \_\_\_\_\_ again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall \_\_\_\_\_ cease.” (8:20-22)

- ☀ What is God doing in Genesis 8:21-22?

Let's pay careful attention to what the LORD said in Genesis 9:8-17:

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I \_\_\_\_\_ my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. \_\_\_\_ establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make \_\_\_\_\_ me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my \_\_\_\_\_ in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will \_\_\_\_\_ my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- ☀ In your own words, what is God doing? What stands out to you?
  
- ☀ In his sermon on the mount, what did Jesus say (Matt 5:44-45) has been happening ever since the days of Noah?

Finally, we need to take some time to think about the clear warning Peter gave us all in 2 Peter 3, especially verses 5-7.

- ☀ What do we need to understand about the covenant God established in Genesis 9? How does it relate to us?

- ☀ Maybe most important of all, how does what we've studied from Genesis 6-9 relate to our own future, and the future of all mankind according to 2 Peter 3?