

Genesis 6 Bible Study

The Flood epic is familiar with most as you read about Noah, the big boat, animals and the family saved. The theme of the story is clear: the righteous God of all the earth acts as both to judge and to redeem the earth.

1. Suppose a reliable source comes to your home and tells you of your town's imminent destruction (volcano, fire, earthquake etc.) but you have no confirming evidence or experience to draw upon. How might your family respond?
2. What do you do when others reject you?
3. In what ways is the spread of sin throughout the earth described in 6:5, 11 & 12?
4. In the first 5 verses of the chapter, what do you find most disturbing about the description of human corruption? Why? What would disturb someone who thinks that humankind is essentially good?
5. Why does the Lord decide to destroy the earth?
6. Why does the Lord decide to save Noah? What do we learn of Noah's character in verses 8,9?
7. Compare Genesis 6:6 (where God regrets He ever made man) with 1 Samuel 15:28,29 (where God "is not like a man that He should change his mind"). How do you reconcile those two apparent contradictions?