

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Our Sin; God's Mercy - Genesis 6:9-7:24 - "God Deals With Sin & Graciously Preserves Life"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Compare the three descriptive statements about Noah in Genesis 6:9 with the description of all others on the earth in 6:11-12.
How does Noah stand out in a world filled with evil-doers all around him?
Do you see this in the world today too (i.e. those who stand up for what is right stand out from among the world)?
Think about your own life & the truths of Scripture, do these words describe you? (*Righteous, Blameless, and Walking with God*)
If you've placed your faith in Christ, then the answer is YES...you stand before God as righteous/blameless in Jesus!
How does walking with God cause us to grow in our faith & better live out the righteousness of Christ that is ours?
3. Multiple times in this narrative, we see Noah described as having done everything that God commanded of Him.
How does his obedience correspond to his faith/trust in God? (*See Hebrews 11:7*).
How does this provide a blueprint for us, if we want to grow in our consistency in obeying God's commands?
How does an increase in our faith in God lead us to greater obedience, and how, then, should we pray accordingly?
How does spending consistent time walking with the Lord lead us to greater faith/confidence in Him?
What are some practical ways that we can walk more closely with the Lord each day?
4. Consider God's wrath upon humanity: how does the salvation of Noah, his family, & the animals on the ark encourage us?
When God's wrath comes upon humanity for their willful wickedness, how do we know that God's wrath won't come upon us?
5. For our benediction, I chose to share Matthew 5:14-16.
How do the words of Jesus in these verses relate to the narrative of Noah that's been revealed so far in the text?
How can we, as Christ's ambassadors live counter-culturally with the glory of God in mind rather than the fleeting glory of man?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. Noah was righteous in a world full of evil!
Choose godliness even when evil abounds!
 2. Noah's trust in God leads him to obey!
Our obedience reveals that we trust God!
 3. God's wrath came to the earth due to sin!
Our sins still demand God's wrath today!
 4. God's grace is extended to the righteous!
Faith in Jesus is the means of righteousness