

Grace To Grace

INTRODUCTION

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DISCUSSION

What is the importance of grace?

EXPLANATION

Read Genesis 6:2-9 (again).

How do you think Genesis 5 relates to Genesis 6?

How does humbleness reflect true worship?

What does it mean for men to “call upon the name of the LORD?”

APPLICATION

In what ways do you think our culture mirrors that of Genesis 6?

Rank your top 5 values (not ideals...ideals are what you SAY you believe, values are what you actually do).

How do you think God views our values?

MISSION

How could we become preachers of righteousness as Noah was?

What does a preacher of righteousness look like?

How do we bring glory to God, the gospel to man, and hope to the world without looking like a bunch of nut jobs?

Read Ahead

This week, read through Genesis 6:10-7:24

Week 13

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION

Genesis 4:25-6:9

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James 4:6

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Jude 14-16

Job 1:6

Matthew 22:30

Matthew 24:37-38

1 Peter 3:20

2 Peter 2:5

Numberbers 13:33

NOTES & SCRIPTURE

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James 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

The scene at the conclusion of Genesis chapter 4 returns to that of the beginning. A new son is born. Though Cain’s sons have prospered and have become the founders of the new world after the Fall, the focus of the narrative turns from the line of Cain to that of the new son born “in place of Abel.”

Adam and Eve call this son Seth.

Eve now humbly receives the child as a gift from God. God is patient with Adam, Cain and Eve. Seth’s name, in its roots, means FOUNDATION. Genesis is setting up a new line from which men will come through. In the Talmud (Genesis Rabba 20:29 “*with him the world was founded anew.*”)

Seth also has a son named Enoch. The humbleness that Adam and Eve now learned, they passed to Seth. Enoch means man but has an emphasis on the FRAILITY of man, that we are nothing without God. This is why text states:

At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

People began to seek Him in public worship. Details are not given, but the implication may be that this calling on the Lord’s name began in Adam’s own family circle. The author notes that in Seth’s days people practiced true worship of the God of the covenant. The worship of the Lord established at the time of Moses was not something new, but rather a return to the worship of the only and true God.

If you look at our culture you can plainly see that no one has ever been bettered by telling them to focus on themselves. On the contrary, it has made us angrier, less sure of ourselves, overmedicated, and under loved. It has made us embrace the fallenness of our lives without ever giving us the hope that we can change.

We have forgotten what we should have remembered.

- Every moment is a gift
- Every moment is not about us.
- Every moment is about Him.

Genesis 4 ends in humbleness; Genesis 5 continues in humbleness. Genesis reverts back to sin. Theme of scripture: walking with God. His will, not ours.

In Genesis, man rebels against God, everything spirals downward and all of man’s actions over the entire face of the planet are only evil all the time. Noah preaches for 120 years until judgment came and everyone died. He tried to tell people, but no one listened except three of his kids.

V8 But Noah found favor (this is the first occurrence of the Hebrew word: GRACE) *in the eyes of the LORD*. First thing Noah got was grace. God’s answer to man’s mess is Grace. His answer is not Cain, Abel, Seth, or men of renown; it is only grace. *V9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.* The grace brought the effect of “*he was blameless*” – the cause was GRACE (unmerited favor).

Why did God offer Noah grace? The same reason he offers it to you and I; because God is good.

Many people have said, “*I wish God was fair*”. We shouldn’t because God could have flooded the earth, killed everyone and said “that’s fair.” God is not fair. He is good, compassionate, and loving.

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NEWCOMER PARTY

Friday, April 20th 7pm

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