

How to Ruin the World

Genesis 6:1-5

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Introduction: Great grief and greater grace... but how did we get to that point? The Holy Spirit wants us to know. How did we get to the place where Noah alone found grace in the eyes of Yahweh (v8)? How did we get from an entire line of those at enmity with the serpent and his seed, an entire line of those who called upon the name of Yahweh, an entire line of those who walked with God, an entire line of those who looked forward to God's bringing the promised Man who would give rest from the curse... to one righteous man in his generations?

1. Desperately Wicked. What we are apart from grace.
 - a. By the time we get to v5, what does Yahweh see on the earth? Every. Intent. Of the thoughts. Of men's. Hearts. Were only evil. And that continually. (In a word: the spiritually alive—the regenerate—had all but disappeared.)
 - b. This is the mind of the fall and the mind of line of Cain.
 - c. How did we get there? There is one area of life in which the godly are sorely tempted to behave as their own gods...
2. Unequally Yoked. More than just a question of church membership.
 - a. Wrong prospects. Who's your daddy? The question of your family, on one level. The question of church membership, on another level. But ultimately, the question of the state of your eternal soul and your everlasting wellbeing. You must not get this question wrong about yourself. You dare not take lightly this question about your spouse.
 - b. Wrong properites. What does Biblical beauty look like—Naamah? No. Lovers of children, discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient; adorned with modesty, propriety, moderation; professing godliness, with good works; gentle and quiet spirits (Titus 2, 1Tim 2, 1Pet 3). What kind of woman are you looking for? What kind of woman are you seeking to be, so that the right kind of man will seek you? What do you reinforce to the children you talk to? What do you praise and model in others in front of your own?
 - c. Wrong process. They took as their wives "whomever they chose"... no instruction or oversight from their fathers and mothers, acting as if they had no covenantal connections at all. Call the process whatever you want, but if you are making this decision without input or counsel or oversight, you are acting like the line of Cain. How are you modeling and training, in yourself and your children, the biblical habit of seeking godly counsel?

Conclusion: It is not a godly spouse that we need, nearly so much as it is the life-giving grace of God that joins us to Christ by faith! But He is the One who has decided to appoint unto our marriages and families such a central place and powerful effect in His work in our lives. O come to Christ, and trust in Him alone for your salvation. Such a faith cannot stop at a single transaction for forgiveness of sin. It loves His design and follows His ways. Let the sons of God see that the daughters of God are biblically beautiful, and let their marriages be a display of the gospel of grace and bring forth godly seed—people of grace, all of them: fathers, mothers, and children!