

Judgment and Grace

I. The story of Noah

A. 6:1-4

1. The sons of God/daughters of men. Two theories about what this could mean:
 - a)
 - b)
2. My Spirit will not *contend*- yadon
3. 120 years
4. Man's wickedness. What is the sin and what is its significance?
 - a) Was serious
 - b) First and primarily a matter of the heart: "the thoughts of the heart"
 - c) *inclination*- vesser, refers to potter shaping clay
 - d) Grieved God deeply
 - e) Was universal
5. Noah "found favor"-*chen*-main OT word for grace.

B. 6:9-22

1. What was the extent of the flood?
2. How long were they in the ark?
3. Ararat-actually a range of mountains in eastern Turkey
4. Covenant-a declaration about the future relationship of two parties, a commitment based on a promise, to enter that relationship and the growth of the relationship over time.

II. What is the real point of the Noah story?

A. Story about God-his justice, holiness, judgment, along with his love, mercy and desire for relationship with humans

1. God is just and holy.
2. Accounting analogy. (Walton)
3. The flip side of this story of that of God's love, mercy and grace.

B. So what does our new picture of the ark look like?

1. Noah

Hebrews 11:7: By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear build an ark. By his faith he CONDEMNED the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith". Noah is a perfect picture of God's righteous justice combining with his love mercy and grace.

2. The flood

I Peter 3:21 "...and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

3. The ark/the door of the

II Peter 2:4,5,9: "... For if God protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and several others...then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment..."

4. So our ark now looks like who God is

Application: Do a word study on God's justice/righteousness/holiness and then on God's love, mercy and grace. Praise God for who He is and ask if there is anything you need to change in light of this.

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