

SERMON NOTES

GENESIS 6-7

GENERAL SENSE OF THE SERMON

In this sermon we are going to study part 1 of Noah's life, before and during the flood. Next week, we will look at part 2 of Noah's life, after the flood had subsided. The Bible depicts the culture that Noah was living in a culture that was not just morally degenerate, but was truly morally bankrupt. The conditions were so wicked and so evil, that God would send a worldwide flood to destroy all of humanity. And so when we look to the story of Noah, we can draw principles from his life and his story, of how we can live for God in the midst of a godless society. Today I'll draw out three responses to that question from the life of Noah.

SERMON OUTLINE

How are we to live for God in the midst of a godless society?

1. **We grieve the ruin of God's purposeful design:** We are told in verse 6 that God was grieved in his heart over all that had happened to his design. We must make sure, as we live in our own godless society, that we allow our hearts to feel and to grieve as God's heart grieves over the "corruption" of God's design.
2. **We embrace the life of a cultural anomaly:** We recognize that to follow God's ways will make us an anomaly. Noah stood out as unique in his day as he labored on that ark. In the same we will stand out. We will look different. And we may be persecuted, mocked, or ridiculed for that.
3. **We take great confidence in God's deliverance:** Lastly, we place our hope and security firmly in the deliverance God provides. Noah's story is ultimately a foreshadowing of the greater story of redemption that is Christ and the cross.