

SIN, JUDGMENT, AND GRACE

Genesis 6:1-8 | Jan 11, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Online Bulletin

1. Men's Breakfast; January 17
2. FaithKids & Thirst: Nerfed Night; January 19
3. Ladies' Brunch & Coffee Bar; January 24
4. FYA Winter Retreat; January 30-February 1
5. Men & Women: Bible Studies; February 3 & 4
6. Parents' Night Out; February 6
7. Worship Night; February 22
8. "True Girl" Mother / Daughter Event; March 6

LEADER'S NOTE: Remind everyone about upcoming announcements.

INTRODUCTION: Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **The Reality of Human Nature:** In verses 5 and 6, the text describes the "wickedness of man" as being great, with every inclination of the thoughts of the heart being "only evil all the time." Does this description feel like an exaggeration to you, or do you see evidence of this "inclination" in our modern world and within our own hearts?
2. **The Heart of God:** Verse 6 says that the Lord "regretted" making human beings and that His heart was "deeply

troubled" (or "grieved"). What does this tell us about God's nature? How does the idea of a God who feels "grief" over human choices change the way you relate to Him compared to seeing Him as a distant or indifferent judge?

3. **Boundaries and Holiness:** The passage begins with the somewhat mysterious account of the "sons of God" and the "daughters of humans" (verses 1-4). Regardless of how you interpret the "sons of God," the result was a blurring of the lines God had established. In what ways do we see society today trying to "overstep" or ignore the boundaries God has set for our protection?
4. **The Patience of God:** In verse 3, God says, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever," yet He gives a window of 120 years before the Flood. How do we strike a balance between resting in God's immense patience and recognizing that His judgment is real and inevitable? Have you ever experienced a "120-year" season of grace in your own life where God was waiting for you to turn back to Him?
5. **The "But" of Grace:** The passage ends with verse 8: "But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the Lord." Considering the total corruption described in the previous verses, why is it significant that the story doesn't end at verse 7? How does Noah's story remind us that God is always looking to extend grace even in the midst of judgment?

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?