

The Flood, Before and After

Genesis 6:5-22, 9:1-17

2 Peter 3:6: "The world that was..." And this world ended with the flood.

We learn two big things before the flood (Genesis 6:5-22):

(1) Humanity is self-corrupting (6:12)

- The prominent sin noted is violence. (6:11)
- The depth of sin is horrifying: "every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (6:5)
 - Is this just the pre-flood generation? Peek at 8:21, after the flood, to help answer this.

(2) The wrath of God is real (6:7, 13)

- And this is a perfection of God, for it is a *just* wrath. (Rom 2:5)

We learn two more big things after the flood (Genesis 9:1-17):

(3) Humans are still the image of God (9:6)

- God makes this clear, and therefore murderers must be punished. Here God addresses the issue of violence.

(4) God is a God who Promises (9:8-17)

- Many people worship a god who hasn't promised anything. But the true God has made promises, and He keeps them.
- A promise to preserve life.

To the Lord's Supper: The time of Noah revisited in Isaiah 54:9-10

Questions for Further Reflection and Application

1. About all mankind, does Genesis 8:21 sound right? How so, if we don't see constant violence and murder everywhere?
 - Can you see why the work of the Holy Spirit is crucial? Read 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 5:22-23. Pray that the Spirit might renovate you.
2. About God, we see one God who destroys the world in a flood and then promises not to do it again. His promises are key, and we need to take shelter in them.
 - What has God promised to you in Christ? Consider John 16:33, Matt 11:28-29, 1 Peter 2:24, Romans 8:28, 1 John 1:9, and John 3:16.