

## NOTES:

**SERIES:** The Story Begins (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 5:** "The Creator Ruins and Redeems"

**TEXT:** Genesis 6:5-22

**DATE:** October 8/9, 2016

### A Short Introduction to "the Judgment of God"

God judges because God \_\_\_\_\_.

"Though I used to complain about the idea of God's wrath, I came to think that I would have to rebel against a God who wasn't wrathful at the sight of the world's evil. God isn't wrathful in spite of being love. God is wrathful because God is love." (Miroslav Volf)

There's a downward spiral in the response to sin very early in the story of God—from shame to indifference to \_\_\_\_\_.

Even in judgment, God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Grace in God's Judgment

1. In judgment, God \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 6:5-7,11-13

God's first response to the evil and violence gone wild on the earth was \_\_\_\_\_.

God willingly, voluntarily, and happily \_\_\_\_\_ his heart and his life with us.

David Woodley: These verses could literally read: "Gone to ruin was the earth... indeed it was gone to ruin...all flesh had ruined its way." It's the same Hebrew word used for a spoiled pot in the potter's hands in Jeremiah 18:4. It can't be fixed, so the potter must begin with a new lump of clay. In other words, when God sent the flood, he was merely judging something that was already ruined.

When God judges, he's bringing the ruin and destruction we've done to our world and to ourselves to a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. In judgment, God offers \_\_\_\_\_.  
Genesis 6:8-22

- Grace \_\_\_\_\_ judgment.

We don't earn God's favor by doing good; we do good in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's favor.

- Noah's rightness with God \_\_\_\_\_ the members of his family.

- God saves \_\_\_\_\_ judgment.

The same water that crushed people who didn't believe in the promise of God \_\_\_\_\_ the people who did.

Salvation came to us through the very instrument by which death came to Jesus—the cross. God judges sin and wickedness in Christ, but He brings salvation out of this judgment.

3. In judgment, God \_\_\_\_\_ his people.  
2 Peter 2:5

Hebrews 11: 7 By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told. The result? His family was saved. His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. (The Message)

### Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things our family does that might grieve God? What steps can we take to change?
2. What can our family learn about God's love for us through his love for Noah?
3. How can seeing God as a loving Father help us to model grace to one another?

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. There's a downward spiral in the response to sin very early in the story of God—from shame to indifference to boasting. What are some sins in society today that our society boasts about?
3. What does Miroslav Volf mean when he says God is wrathful because God is love (see sermon notes)?
4. Read Genesis 6:5-7. What do you think is significant about the "grief" preceding God's judgment of sinful people?
5. How is God's judgment in the flood bringing ruin to its logical conclusion?
6. Read Genesis 6:8-22. Why is it important that we recognize that God's grace precedes our obedience?
7. Noah is described in the New Testament as "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). In what ways does our mission to call people to repentance and faith resemble Noah's example?
8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

Just as God showed favor to righteous Noah and extended salvation to his family, so also God grants salvation to all who come by faith into the family of his righteous Son, Jesus Christ.

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### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is sin?