Sermon Summary

Genesis 6:1-8 sets the background for the story of the terrible judgement that follows in the days of Noah. We need to know why it was that God took such drastic action. And we need to understand how it was that even though people were starting to “call on the name of the LORD” 5:26, a few generations later there is only one faithful family left!

Personal Application

Q What do you think are the tell-tale signs that a civilisation, empire or kingdom is nearing its end? Does God really punish nations because of their sin? (take a look at Amos 1:3-15)

Q What characterises the sin of the people in “the days of Noah”?

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v11

Q Read v6-7 and v13. Why must God send his judgement?

Q Read Exodus 34:5-7. How is this a good summary of the unchanging character of God that we also see in Genesis 6?

Q Read v8. What is different about Noah? Read Hebrews 11:7. How is the way that Noah is saved still the same way that we are?
Sermon Summary

Genesis 6:9 starts a new “historic account” section of the book; “The history of Noah”. Chapters 6-9 tell the story of the terrible flood that God sent to judge the earth because of the sinfulness of Mankind. In this first section we are introduced to Noah and to God’s saving plans for him and his family.

Personal Application

Q Why do people (especially sceptics) struggle so much with the story of Noah?

Q Read 2 Peter 3:3-7. What is the argument “scoffers” use to dismiss the notion that God will one day judge the earth? What is Peter’s counter-argument?

Q Read v9-10. What are we told about Noah? What do these things mean?

Q Read v11-13. What are we told about the world Noah lived in? What is God going to do about it? Is God justified in doing this? Why?

Q Read v14-21. What is God’s plan? How do we see God’s patience and provision in these verses?

Q Read v22. How does this verse help us to understand why Noah is called a “righteous” man (cf. Hebrews 11:7)?
Sermon Summary

Genesis 7-8 tell the story of the flood. It is plain as you read this account that this tragic event covered the entire earth and wiped out every creature with the breath of life in it from the surface of the earth. The only survivors were the eight passengers on the Ark and the animal with them.

This is a story that most vividly shows God’s just wrath against sin, and yet it also shows us the faithfulness and the merciful grace of God.

Personal Application

Q Why do you think people struggle so much with the idea that God might punish the whole world? How would you justify the idea?

Q Read chapter 7. Describe what happened. What details stand out to you? What does this story teach us about God’s justice?

Q What do you think is the significance of the fact that God shut them in (v16)?

Q What do you think 8:1 means when it says “God remembered Noah” (check out 6:18)? What does this tell us about the Faithfulness of God?

Q Read 8:20-22 What does Noah do as soon as he leaves the Ark? Why?

Q Read Matthew 24:37-44. How does Jesus use the story of Noah’s flood? What lesson does he draw from it?