

2 Peter 2:9, “If this is so, then the Lord knows how to *rescue* godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for *the day of judgment*”

2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is *patient with you*, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance”

2 Peter 3:13, “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness”

2 Peter 3:11, “Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? *You ought to live holy and godly lives.*”

His grace is most strikingly evident when *set in contrast* to the darkness and gloom of a sinful world racing toward its perilous doom. (*The NIV Application Commentary, Genesis*)

Hebrews 10:26 – 31, <sup>26</sup> If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, <sup>27</sup> but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who rejected the Law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” <sup>31</sup> It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



## Part 10

# The Flood

Genesis 6:5 – 22; 7:17 – 23

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<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup> The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. <sup>7</sup> So the LORD said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.” <sup>8</sup> But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. <sup>10</sup> Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. <sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. <sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.”

Genesis 7:17 – 23

<sup>17</sup> For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. <sup>19</sup> They rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered. <sup>20</sup> The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet. <sup>21</sup> Every living thing that moved on land perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. <sup>22</sup> Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. <sup>23</sup> Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; people and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. (NIV)

## The Necessity of Judgment – God is Just

Verses 11–13. <sup>11</sup> Now the earth was *corrupt* in God’s sight and was *full of violence*. <sup>12</sup> God saw how *corrupt* the earth had become, for *all the people* on earth had *corrupted* their ways. <sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is *filled with violence* because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

If you don’t believe in divine judgment, you have no \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to oppose the \_\_\_\_\_ of violence.

The starting point is Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning **GOD** . . .

A nation’s laws must be based not on the \_\_\_\_\_  
but on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 20:11 – 21:4 – <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne and the One sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup> I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup> Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

<sup>21:1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”

Romans 8:1 – There is no condemnation for those who are *in* Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53:5 – But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

## The Problem of Judgment – God is Gracious

Verse 5. The LORD saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Verse 5 shows the \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment, but verse 6 shows us the \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment.

Verse 6 – The LORD was *grieved* that he had made man on the earth, and *his heart was filled with pain*.

Isaiah 49:15, “Can a woman forget the baby nursing at her breast? Yea, *she* may forget, but I will not forget you.”

## Judgment and Grace

The Flood is not just a story of \_\_\_\_\_  
but one of \_\_\_\_\_. (*The NIV Application Commentary, Genesis*)

Verse 17 – For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they *lifted the ark* high above the earth.