

Genesis: God and Man

## Genesis 6:4-8 The LORD Was Sorry, Part 2

- Creation Afar
- Creation “a-close”
- The Fall - a little too close
- Scattered, generations, trying to make a name for themselves (Lamech)
- Enoch - walked with God and was not
- Men wicked, fallen angels, fallen world
- God sorry

**Are there artifacts of your old life hanging around?**

**High places, places you used to worship at?**

Getting saved, becoming a new creation

Knew I had to get rid of everything bad - movies, CDs, websites, relationships, language

Clean slate - began to look for new things.

Knowing I was new, but not knowing who I now was

Still thought things could define me

Old relationships began to be strained by the new me

Some for good reason, some for just me not knowing how to be

Old things not dealt with will always pop up

Loops in life

Seasons come back around

When will we get it?

**When will we really believe and put the past behind us and move forward in what God has for us?**

**Do we get that**

**[2Co 5:17 NKJV] 17 Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

**That all things in your real life have become new!**

**That we can and need to let go of the old ways of thinking, doing things, believing and being need to go and we can be free to do the new things.**

**Nation of Israel in the days of the kings - high places - wouldn't take down, eventually idolatry came back**

**King Saul was supposed to get rid of everything of the enemy - he didn't and it reared back up and it brought judgment in his life because he thought he knew better than God, that it would be a sacrifice to God**

**Turn to 1 Samuel 15:22-35**

**These things had consequence**

**We don't have to be fake.**

**We don't have to pretend to be someone else.**

**We MUST be the people God has made us to be.**

**But in that, we MUST be obedient.**

- We cannot mix the oil of the world with the water of the word
- We must not interpret scripture with what we WANT it to say
- But we must come to God letting him say what He wants to say

**Otherwise we've missed it, and there's only one outcome - missing out - either a little, or a lot - and I think in the heavenly economy - a little IS a lot.**

(widow's mites, imagine how much a little of eternity really is)

**We're going to see the consequence of man's multiplying without God in their lives. Increasing in their own estimation, but it didn't bring them higher as they wanted, it only brought them lower.**

**[Mat 7:13-14 NKJV] 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide [is] the gate and broad [is] the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 "Because narrow [is] the gate and difficult [is] the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**

**1-3**

**My spirit will not strive with him forever, for he is indeed flesh**

**The eternal cannot put up with the shortcomings of the temporal forever**

**Strive - abide**

**John 15:5 (read the next couple of verses on your own)**

**"I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

**God is patient, putting up with man, but there must come an end**

**[2Pe 3:9-15 NKJV] 9 The Lord is not slack concerning [His] promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider [that] the longsuffering of our Lord [is] salvation---...**

**God delays judgment because HE LOVES US**

Children, counting to three, giving second, third, fourth chances - because i don't *want* to discipline them. I'd rather give them opportunity to do right, to spend time with them to have fun with them. I'd much rather hang out with them than have them in their room in time out, or take their toys away for a time. I'd never want to completely get rid of them, and hopefully they'll learn to do right, so at an older age I won't have to make a hard decision like that.

**There comes a time when love MUST act to still BE love.**

**[1Co 13:4-8 NKJV] 4 Love suffers long [and] is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. ...**

**Love will suffer for a long time, and if it has to make a hard choice, it doesn't mean the suffering, the grieving in the heart ends, it just means that it has to react differently on the outside to still be love. If not, it's not love, it's selfishness, it's idolatry, it's wanting to preserve what it has even at the expense of the so-called loved one**

**Love makes hard choices. Love lays it's life down for those it loves.**

**The flesh can't hang around forever**

*Talking about getting old*

**Tree of life, eden/revelation - spiritual sustainment of our flesh is necessary**

**But we see here - the countdown begins. God says, 120 years left.**

**4-5**

**Here's one of those parts of the Bible that gives a picture into the weird  
Into legends**

Latin class - ancient greece, rome

Flood stories in ancient religions

**In those days...and afterward??**

**You don't think there's weird spiritual stuff going on now? Read the news...well, pay attention to what's going on in the world, don't just sit there and be brainwashed by an agenda**

**Spend some time on YouTube, you'll quickly see the weird things people believe, are in to, think can happen - whether real or not - reveal a world completely blind, lost, stumbling and dying without God**

**Goliath was a giant - anakim**

**The LORD saw that wickedness was great on the earth**

The Lord saw it for himself (like we see later in Babel, S&G, Woe to Bethsaida/Corazin)

**Wickedness was great and everywhere**

Does that not sound like today?

**[Mat 12:38-42 NKJV] 38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah [is] here. 42 "The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon [is] here.**

**[Mat 24:37-44 NKJV] 37 "But as the days of Noah [were], so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 "Then two [men] will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 "Two [women will be] grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**

In the end, we've been given the greatest sign of all, God's grace, longsuffering, patience

ANd we've denied it - and the ancients will rise up on the day of judgment and judge us

"Don't judge me" - seriously? You'd rather be judged later than now? FOOLISH.

Only evil continually...

God let it get to the point where it couldn't get any worse.

It can't get any worse until only evil continually. Not 99% of the time. 100% of the time.

I'm thinking we're pretty close to the world thinking evil 100% of the time, don't you?

You think that women marching around with giant genitalia on proclaiming the enlightenment of their freedom of choice to end their babies lives in their bellies is something to lift up?

You think that letting religions that teach that women are nothing, objects, property to be raped, married while children, and to murder unbelievers is somehow tolerant and acceptable to be taught in schools, but the Bible which teaches love, the true worth of men and women of all nationalities should be outlawed and banned?

I could go on...name ANY topic of import of the past few years, twenty years, and tell me it's wholesome? Or is it just evil masquerading as light?

### **AND YET. GOD WAITS TO BRING JUDGMENT.**

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But before physical judgment comes abandonment judgment (romans 1)  
Men put God out of their minds, so he left them to it for a while...then their debased actions began to bear the fruits of judgment in their lives

**Brushing teeth** - *imagine your parents made you brush your teeth all the time, then you told them you didn't want them to, but they made you until you were an adult then you stopped brushing and eating whatever you wanted...at first you'd be free, enjoying it, but after a few days, weeks, months, maybe even years you begin to have a little pain, a little discoloration...then a toothache, then awful pain, then an infection and your teeth fall out, your mouth rots...etc...if you didn't go to the dentist. Your parents didn't punch you in the face and knock your teeth out. They didn't drill holes in your teeth to teach you a lesson. They just let you, who thought you knew better, do what you wanted to do...and you brought your own judgment upon yourself.*

So it is with God.

Except, not brushing your teeth only hurts you and perhaps those who have to smell your breath. Sin not only hurts you, it hurts those around you, it affects all of creation. And at that point, something must actively be done to stop the source of the rot.

Active, cleaning, judgment.

**And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.**

**The older language says repented. God was sorry, but sorry to the point that he was going to have to undo what he had done because it wasn't working out**

**Like a relationship gone bad, even though you asked them out, you had to break up with them. Even though you asked for the job, it turned out to be bad in nature (not just something you didn't want to do), so you had to quit.**

**Note - it made God sorry and it grieved him. It doesn't say that it made God furious (although he would have had every right to be, after all, it was all his creation)**

**It Grieved Him**

**He wanted things to work. He wanted man to succeed. TO have close relationship with Him and each other.**

**BUT it wasn't going to happen.**

**The rot was through and through**

*Ever forget about a good piece of food in the fridge? You mean to eat it, you want to eat it, but for whatever reason that week it got away from you...and then you have to throw out that special food, expensive treat, desired for leftovers...*

*But it's all moldy, it's gone bad, you can't cut off part of it and salvage the rest - it's all gross. Nothing but the trash and you'll just have to have something else.*

**That's a simple, silly picture, but that's this...there's nothing left to salvage...but was there? If there was, God would find it. God wasn't about to throw the baby out with the bath water. God is always looking for another way to extend grace, get His love out there**

**Turn to Ephesians 4:20-32 Do not grieve the holy spirit**

**[2Ch 16:9 NKJV] 9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of [those] whose heart [is] loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."**

**There was only one solution to sin**

**The Lord was going to destroy what He alone had created.**

**Every right to**

Kids playing legos

*If I made something, and it breaks, I can choose to throw it out and make a new one.*

*If you made it, then I don't have that right*

**Animals included - sin affected them,**

**but they were something for man to rule over**

**A picture of man being in God's image**

**I'm not saying this is how God felt, but he wasn't going to just make a new humanity to rule over what he gave them**

Imagine getting an engagement ring for one special girl, then the relationship goes sour, you keep the ring, and eventually are ready to ask someone else to marry you, and you want to give them that ring...you'll probably be looking for mrs. right #3 at the point

What about our song?

You wrote that song before you even knew me...

I wrote that song before I even knew you - Airheads

**Old relationships - getting rid of old memories and items**

Dvd player...

I'm sure glad I never got anyone's named tattooed on me. I'm sure no one would have done that for me, I'm not worth that!

**In the midst of God's grief, God knowing what He has to do, God seeing everything going on in the world...there's No....ahhhh. There's one-ah.**

**A sigh of relief for God. He'd still have to bring judgment, but he could give grace to the one man who would accept it.**

**Have you accepted God's grace? Did you even know he was looking for you to give it you? You're free to receive it, but despite God's LONG patience, this is a limited time offer.**