

# The Flood

Genesis 6

“**The Lord saw** that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... **So the Lord said**, ‘I will blot out man...’” Genesis 6:5,7

## The Lord Saw...

- Every **Sin** (6:5,11; Rev. 20:12)
- Every **Thought** (6:5,11; Rom. 1:23-28)

“Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.” Luke 12:2-3

## The Lord Said...

- He will **Punish** sinners (6:13,17; Lk. 17:26-27; Gen. 2:17; 3:19; 6:7; 7:16; Rom. 2:6-8; 2 Thes. 1:7-8; Rev. 21:8)
- He will **Save** anyone who comes to Him in faith (6:8, 17-18; Heb. 11:7)

"If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment." 2 Peter 2:5,9, NIV

## **Opening Questions**

1. What are three things you are taking with you if your house flooded and was destroyed?
2. What animal do you wish didn't get on Noah's ark so we wouldn't have to deal with them today?

**Prayer:** Pray for protection over everyone, and pray for guidance for the conversation.

**Read Passage:** Read Genesis 6:5-18

### ***Discussion Questions***

1. What was the reason that God had for the Flood? How does that apply to us today?
2. How does God show passive and active anger to the hardened hearts of the people in Noah's day?
3. Mentioning that Adam and Eve was so prevalent at that time. How did so much sinning and corruption occur? How are we different from them?
4. With all the sins committed by mankind during that day, which was the greatest? How did that affect their lifestyle?
5. How does the relationship between God and the people of Noah's day relate to what is going on in Afghanistan and America today?
6. How does the fact that God sees every thought and sin a comforting truth in our lives?
7. Romans 1 talks about how God doesn't force anyone's hand (the free will to sin or not to sin). Why do you think He does this? What kind of love is shown by this?

### ***Application Questions***

1. How do we misinterpret the story of Noah and the Ark and what does it say about our culture today?
2. In Noah's day, people saw the boat as useless. How do people in the church do the same thing today?
3. In the message, we talked about how the Lord saw evil and did something about it. How should we react when we see sin happen around us? How does love apply to this?

### ***Prayer Together***

**Personal:** Pray that a renewed awareness of the seriousness of sin will motivate us to share the gospel with others.

**Ministry:** Pray God would guide the Visual Arts Team as they seek ways to use their creative abilities to glorify Him at Oakwood.