

- I. Man constantly sins, and God is not patient forever
 - A. Genesis 6:5 gives a shockingly dark description of humankind before the flood: “every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Can we say the same thing today, or have people’s hearts improved?
 - B. We see in the genealogy in Genesis 5 that God waits for generations to bring his judgment of sin to bear on the earth. Why does God not bring us justice for sin immediately? Why does he allow those who do evil to exist—even prosper—in this time and in ours?
 - C. In the story of Noah, our God judges people in anger for doing evil. What is our response as Christians to the anger and judgment of God? When do we do well to be angry and join in the judgment of God, and when is it wrong to do so?
- II. God makes a way
 - A. How does this story whisper the name of Jesus, showing us our need for Jesus and foreshadowing his coming? Particularly, how does Noah foreshadow the life and person of Jesus?
 - B. Why would God choose Noah and his family to carry through the flood? Why would God save anyone at all, given the sinfulness of humankind (see Gen. 6:5)?
 - C. Pastor Matt ended his sermon encouraging us to be a part of the rescue plan of God, and to cry out to him for rescue from the waters. What do we learn from this story about our part in the rescue plan of God?
- III. God’s promises are sure
 - A. In Genesis 8:20-9:17, we see God make a covenant with Noah not “to destroy all flesh” again. First, what is a covenant? And secondly, what is the significance of this covenant in the broader story of the creation, fall, redemption, and restoration of God’s creation?
 - B. Notice, especially in the first seven verses of chapter 9, how similar this language is to the language of the creation story in Genesis 1. Why draw a comparison between creation and the flood? How can this comparison help us to understand the broader significance of the flood to God’s plan of redemption?
 - C. What significance does God’s promise to Noah have for us today? How does our faith in this promise effect our lives, worship, and actions today?