

# FROM ADAM TO NOAH

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Genesis 5:1-6:8 (p. 6)

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Genesis 6:8

## **Theology from the line of Adam**

*This is the account of Adam's line: When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."*

*When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his image . . . .*

Genesis 5:1-3

- 1) WHICH LINE matters
- 2) MALE AND FEMALE is a STILL A blessing
- 3) Noah is the next COMFORTER

## **Principles for problem passages**

*When men began to increase in number on the earth . . .  
the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful . . . .*

Genesis 6:1-7

1. The canon is *coherent*
2. The canon is *organic*
3. The canon is *churchly*
4. The text is *poetic prose* that illustrates *archetypal history* that are explored with these four questions:
  - exegetical: what is the writer's meaning and message?
  - theological: what is the writer's truth for us today?
  - hermeneutic: what prejudices are keeping me from taking God's word more seriously?
  - practical: what then must I do?

5. Packer identifies these as the key themes of the prologue to God's word:
- God's sovereign power, in creation and providence
  - God's covenant purposes which shape his dealings with us
  - God's moral glory which cannot approve evil
  - God's gracious kindness to humanity, tempering judgment with mercy and never abandoning his covenant promises

## **Human nature**

*The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become,  
and that every inclination of his heart was only evil all the time.  
The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth and his heart was filled with pain.*  
Genesis 6:5-6

- 1) The fall affects EVERYONE (BOTH LINES)
- 2) I AM

## **Response to sin**

*So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created,  
from the face of the earth . . . for I am grieved that I made them."*  
Genesis 6:7

- 1) Sin is GRIEVOUS
- 2) The incarnation is EVEN MORE GRIEVOUS

## **First lessons from Noah**

*. . . But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord*  
Genesis 6:8

- 1) God never STOPPED LOOKING
- 2) GRACE is sovereign
- 3) My only hope is COMFORT FROM THE CURSE

## Resources for studying Genesis 5-11

These are some of Pastor Fakkema's go-to resources for studying Genesis 5-11. The list will be growing through January!

David Horrocks' sermon "After the Flood" at <http://beginningwithmoses.org/bt-briefings/161/after-the-flood>

John Stevenson's studies in Genesis at <http://www.angelfire.com/nt/theology/genesis.html>

Tremper Longman and John H. Walton, *The Lost World of the Flood* (InterVarsity Press, 2018)

J.I. Packer's article on the hermeneutics of Genesis 1-11 at <http://preachingsource.com/journal/hermeneutics-and-genesis-1-11/>

Bob Deffinbaugh's sermon "The Sons of God and the Daughters of Men" at <https://bible.org/seriespage/7-sons-god-and-daughters-men-genesis-61-8>

Allen Ross' *Creation and Blessing* (Baker, 1988)

John Sailhammer's Genesis commentary in the Expositor's Bible Commentary series, Volume 2 (Zondervan, 1990)

Kenneth Matthews' commentary has some good thoughts about the genealogies in Genesis. *New American Commentary* (Broadman and Holman, 1996).