

Finding Grace in a Corrupted World

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually...But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

– Genesis 6:5,8 –

Jesus told us that the days immediately preceding His return would be “as the days of Noah were.” (Mt. 24:37). It therefore behooves us to study the Genesis record and familiarize ourselves with its description of the antediluvian world in which Noah and his family lived and out of which they were divinely delivered. In so doing, we will find signposts that point us toward mankind’s readying for the man of sin and will equip us, like Daniel, with an understanding of the times.

Noah lived in a global pandemic of pinnacled sin and degradation. We have been conditioned to picture the days of Noah as somewhat pre-historic and unenlightened. In truth, however, that civilization was likely highly advanced, possibly as advanced as our own. Yet it was “corrupt”. The inspired record declares “The earth was also *corrupt* before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was *corrupt*; for all flesh had *corrupted his way* upon the earth.” (Gen. 6:12-13)

Corruption means to alter and degrade from something’s original state or intended purpose. It is critical to note in the Genesis account that “all flesh” had *corrupted* “his way”. Given the context of Genesis six, it becomes evident that mankind was perverting sentient life to the point that God had to intervene in judgment. Is it possible that we are nearing a similar apex in our modern culture? Let us consider for a moment the ways in which mankind today is tampering with and altering God’s established order.

Our generation boasts the unparalleled privilege of peering into and unraveling some of the mystery of the womb, yet we abort well over a million babies annually in America alone. We have redefined marriage from that of one man and one woman to include same genders, and continue like the men of Sodom to pine for other ways to pervert this bedrock institution of civilization, with polyamory, incest, pedophilia, and bestiality waiting in the wings to claim some kind of societal stamp of normalization. The legitimate scientific discoveries of our generation, particularly in the areas of genetics, have given rise to massively expanding endeavors of corruption. Cloning is already a decades-old reality and genetic engineering is a burgeoning field that has put Frankenstein-like monstrosities on our horizon. A fascination with the paranormal, especially in the area of extraterrestrial life, is becoming mainstream. Physicists are actively seeking a “god particle”. Siri, Alexa, and Google Home are quite possibly the camel’s nose under the tent, designed to whet our appetites and foster a global acceptance for advancements in the field of Artificial Intelligence. Those advancements and perversions are happening at a shockingly rapid pace, with scientists seriously discussing and investing in a new field of study – transhumanism – whose goal is to “broaden human potential by overcoming aging, cognitive shortcomings, involuntary suffering, and our confinement to planet earth.”

Yes, the greatest pandemic our modern world is experiencing is not a virus – it is the blasphemy of the Holy Ghost and the corruption of the way of all flesh. Yet we need not despair. For in the midst of that antediluvian nightmare so long ago, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Our God, no matter how disgusted He is by mankind’s perverse pursuits, is ever seeking the solitary heart that will hear His word and obey His voice. *It is the individual that God saves and uses to change the world.* Noah was a preacher of righteousness in his generation. He carried out God’s commands meticulously and found his master’s grace sufficient, his mercies manifold, and his deliverance sure. May we, like Noah, eschew the corruption all around us, finding that same grace in the eyes of our wonderfully worthy Lord today, and may we be similarly used to courageously witness His righteousness to the lost and confused souls that surround us.