

Beyond All Repair

Genesis 6:1-8



Totaled

Unrepairable, or the cost of repair is greater than the value
When things in life are “totaled”, what are we to do?

Genesis and the Progress of Evil

Adam & Eve: Eating forbidden fruit & shame

Cain: Killing his brother & no shame

Lamech: Polygamy and multiplied killing & pride

And now...



Genesis 6:1-8

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Lots of questions

“Multiply and fill the earth” had gone horribly wrong

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Again: Lots of questions

Evil got embedded powerfully in oppressive culture

Perhaps evil spirits and human oppression combined

→ Sometimes things go horribly wrong

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God made Noah to be the righteous one through whom He would rescue humanity from this judgment

“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood— to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” Romans 3:25-26

God gave Jesus as the Righteous One through whom He would rescue each person from condemnation who trusts in Him

The Big Idea

Even in the worst situations of evil and oppression
God sees the mess and in His self-giving love, and...

Jesus acts with perfect justice and rescuing grace
to rescue all who will trust in Him

Will you turn to Jesus?

- Submit to His justice
- Depend upon His mercy in Jesus

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. In your own life and in our world, where are you experiencing (or have you experienced and seen) things going horribly wrong?
2. What temptations are there for problematic ways to respond to things going horribly wrong?
3. In what way can wrath be an expression of love?
4. In what ways do you long for God’s justice in the world?
5. In what ways do you long for God’s mercy in the world?
6. What does it look like to turn to Jesus, submitting to His justice and depending upon His mercy?

Conversation starters

In your own life and in our world, where are you experiencing (or have you experienced and seen) things going horribly wrong?

When things go horribly wrong, what gives you hope?