

Agape's weekly devotion – Monday, 1 August 2022, "The continued downward spiral of society."

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ So the LORD was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. [Genesis 6:5-8]

How many times have you heard someone say, "Just when you thought things could not get any worse, now this!" Life is full of ups and downs. And when you think you've heard it all or seen it all, something else takes you by surprise. However, the foolish things we witness other people do should not be surprising to any of us, especially those of us who read the Bible. The craziness we see every day is not new. It is only a continuation of the downward spiral of society caused by the sinfulness of mankind. Because the vast majority of the people on this planet today do not know God or do not choose to walk with Him daily, sin is bound to increase.

It took only three short chapters between God creating mankind, the fall of mankind, and society being totally out of control. As mankind began to multiply on the earth, sin only got worse and worse because every intent of the thoughts of their hearts of man was only evil continually. However, God was very aware of the sinfulness of society, then as well as now. Society was so bad that no one sought to please God. As a result, God decided to destroy mankind He created. According to the text, how did we get here? "The sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose" (v. 2). These mixed marriages, which were ungodly unions, caused God to grieve and regret that He even created mankind. This is perhaps one of the saddest statements in the entire Bible. God's creation wanted nothing to do with Him. As a result, God promised to take action against humanity because of our rebellion. However, out of the entire world's population, only Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their wives pleased God. So, he spared their lives and destroyed everyone else.

When someone reads this story and does not understand the magnitude of human sin, to them, it may sound like fiction or extreme action on God's part. However, many people fail to realize that God takes sin very seriously, and so should we.

Have a blessed day in Jesus name!!

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