THE FLOOD – HEART OF THE CREATOR – GE.6:5-12

What the Lord SAW



Ge.6:5,11,12

- Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ... ¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence ¹²So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (Ge.6:5,11,12)
 - This does not mean that He was moving along one day, and His eyes were scanning the planet and found something that He had not seen prior. Everything is continually exposed to His omniscience.
 - When it says, "the Lord saw," it has the idea that He was aware of everything. This is the seeing of constant awareness.
 - Every human being is, at heart, a sinner. Paul said, "There's none righteous, no not one" (Ro.3:10).

What the Lord FELT



Ge.6:6

- And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. (Ge.6:6)
 - Why was God 'sorry' and 'grieved'? Because He was going to have to act in holy justice against man and that brought grief to Him.
 - Part of God's sorrow is not just over the condition of man, but it is over the fact that He must do what He must do.
 - Creating man to be blessed, but having to bring judgment challenges the idea of creating man in the first place. God does not change His mind. He will bring blessing in its time.

3 What the Lord SAID



Ge.6:7

- So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." (Ge.6:7)
 - God's holy nature demanded that He have a righteous reaction to sin. The idea is that God is literally going to wipe man off the earth.

4 What the Lord GAVE



Ge.6:8,9,10

- But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (**Ge.6:8-10**)
 - What did the Lord give? He gave Noah grace. Noah was a sinner before and after the Flood, but he escaped God's judgment.
 - God gave Noah His own righteousness because of his faith. Noah is a clear illustration of salvation. He was completely righteous. He was blameless in God's view.
 - The only way that God could ever view you as righteous is if He covers you with His righteousness.