

Devotion 3- The Mercy of the Flood

Mankind was separated from God. They were kicked out of the garden and had no hope. God promised that he would send a champion that would crush evil and save humanity from their sins. Until this champion arrived, what would humanity look like? How would they do without this champion? Will they obey God or will they rebel against him?

When sin entered the world, it spread like a disease. The world became sick. Humans did not get better, but got worse. The state of the world declined. Their sin was like milk that was left out for years. It became moldy and formed curds and eventually spoiled. The entire world rebelled against God. They began to worship others gods and rejected the one true God.

God had every right to completely destroy the world. But he loved his creation too much. Genesis 6: 5, and 7-8 read, "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

God could have judged the entire world but he decided to spare Noah and his family. God commanded Noah and his family to build a large boat. This boat would spare them from judgement. God unleashed the waters upon the world. The entire world was filled with water. After spending a year on this boat, God allowed Noah and his family to walk on the earth again.

Without God, no person is good. Everyone deserves judgement. It is only by God's grace that you can know him. Without him, you are not a righteous person. You have no hope.

When you die, you will stand before God. Your works will not be good enough. You are considered evil before the Lord. But if you have submitted your life to Jesus, Jesus will take your place. His works are good enough. His life is perfect. He is the blameless replacement.

Questions:

1. Are you a good person without God?
2. Did God have the right to destroy the world?
3. How did God show mercy to Noah and his family?
4. How can you be right before God?