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Luke 17:26-30

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

A cursory observation of current events would lead us to conclude that we are living in “the last days” like those of Noah and Lot. Regarding the “days of Lot,” the perversion in Sodom and Gomorrah has become overtly aggressive in preying upon children through drag queen presentations in public schools, in libraries, and even military bases and various other efforts like “pride month.” All MLB teams, except the Texas Rangers, acknowledge recognition of the perverts. Target, Kohl’s, Bud Lite, Disney, and other businesses are kotowing to the LGBTQQIP2SAA crowd.

LGBTQQIP2SAA

full acronym stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, queer, intersex, pansexual, two-spirit (2S), androgynous and asexual (LGBT → LGBTQIA+)

<https://diversity.social/lgbtq2-lgbtq/>

Global Acceptance of LGBTQ On the Rise

A global divide on admission of LGBTQ communities remains but is narrowing, a new study shows.

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"Generally, more educated, younger and less religious respondents voiced greater acceptance of homosexuality than those who are less educated, older or more religious..."

Pew's study found substantial changes in public opinion. In the United States, for example, 72% today say homosexuality should be accepted, a sharp increase from 46% in 1994 and 51% in 2002, Poushter says.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-countries/articles/2020-06-25/lgbtq-acceptance-growing-in-us-and-other-countries-over-time>

- ❖ The perverted crowd is striving for a sense of legitimacy but the dictionary defines perverts perfectly:

Pervert

1. to affect with perversion. (any of various means of obtaining sexual gratification that are generally regarded as being abnormal.)
2. to lead astray morally.
3. to turn away from the right course.
4. to lead into mental error or false judgment.

<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/pervert>

❖ The “days of Noah,” in God’s eyes, were a time of great wickedness, a Satanic assault upon “the seed of the woman” in Gen. 3:15. Consider the description in Gen. 6:5:

Gen. 6:5 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.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But **Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

- ❖ The name “Noah” means “rest.”
- ❖ In the midst of a wicked earth, whose hearts were evil continually, God raised up a man who was a “preacher of righteousness” that provided a rest for both man and beast.
- ❖ This morning, we will focus our observation upon Noah and his relationship with God.

I. THE CONDITIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Gen. 6:5 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.

A. The Environmental Infamy – “And God saw that **the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth...**”

- ❖ Noah lived during the days that God identified as great wickedness.
- ❖ As we get closer to the Rapture, our society is “falling away” into greater apostasy.

2 Thess. 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Original Word: ἀποστασία

Transliteration: apostasia **Definition:** defection, revolt; **Usage:** defection, apostasy, revolt.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/646.htm>

- ❖ Attitudes toward immorality are steadily declining in among “Christians” today.

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Most U.S. Christian groups grow more accepting of homosexuality

BY CARYLE MURPHY

Among Christians, this trend is driven partly by younger church members, who are generally more accepting of homosexuality than their elder counterparts.

Among members of the Southern Baptist Convention – an evangelical church and the nation's largest Protestant denomination – the share saying homosexuality should be accepted increased 7 points, from 23% to 30%.

Members of several mainline churches – some of which have officially embraced same-sex marriage – have become even more accepting of homosexuality in recent years. For instance, 73% of members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America now say it should be accepted by society, up from 56% in 2007. Members of the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the United Church of Christ also have become more accepting toward homosexuality.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2015/12/18/most-u-s-christian-groups-grow-more-accepting-of-homosexuality/>

Americans who are protecting children from transgenderism and irreversible surgery are hysterical, prejudiced, cruel, and terroristic, President Joe Biden said in a scripted response to a question at a White House event.

<https://www.breitbart.com/2024-election/2023/06/08/joe-biden-parents-are-cruel-prejudiced-for-opposing-child-transgenderism/>

- ❖ The “falling away” describes spirituality’s demise in churches as well as society.
- ❖ The source of the “falling away” is the heart.

B. The Evil Imagination – “...and *that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*”

Mt. 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth **come forth from the heart**; and they defile the man.

19 For **out of the heart proceed evil thoughts**, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Mt. 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And **because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

❖ The world is waxing worse and worse because “...the love of many wax cold.”

2 Tim. 3:13 But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse**, deceiving, and being deceived.

II. THE CONDEMNATION BY THE SAVIOR

A. The Evaluation of the Lord, Gen. 6:6:

Gen. 6:6 And **it repented the LORD** that he had made man on the earth, and **it grieved him at his heart**.

Original Word: נָחַם **Transliteration:** nacham

Definition: to be sorry, console oneself

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/5162.htm>

to be sorry, have compassion

to rue, repent of

to comfort oneself, be comforted

to ease oneself

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h5162/kjv/wlc/0-1/>

Gen. 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This *same* shall **comfort** us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

- ❖ The actions of mankind have an affect upon the Lord's heart.
- ❖ The Lord is concerned what His creation is doing regarding His purpose.

Eph. 4:30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

B. The Elimination by the Lord, Gen. 6:7:

Gen. 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

- ❖ The Lord's intention is revealed in Gen. 6:7, the destruction of His disobedient creation.
- ❖ The Lord's disgust is also a revelation of allowing His creation to have a free will.

III. THE CRITERIA FOR THE SOLUTION

Gen. 6:8 But **Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

A. A Special Man for a Special Catastrophe

Ezek. 22:30 **And I sought for a man** among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezek. 14:14 Though **these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job**, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD. ...

20 Though **Noah, Daniel, and Job**, *were* in it, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

- ❖ In the history of mankind, one man stood out as an excellent example of God's grace and was instrumental in saving the world – NOAH.

B. A Spiritual Man for a Spectacular Conquest

❖ Noah's greatest attribute was his faith.

Heb. 11:7 **By faith Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

❖ God was “longsuffering” toward mankind while Noah was doing God's will.

1 Pet. 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once **the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing**, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

- ❖ Noah was “a preacher of righteousness” in the midst of a wicked world.

2 Pet. 2:5 And spared not the old world, **but saved Noah** the eighth *person*, **a preacher of righteousness**, bringing in the flood upon **the world of the ungodly**;

- ❖ In our day, if God seeks for someone that “...should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me...” are you willing to walk by faith and say:

Isa. 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, **Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?** Then said I, **Here *am* I; send me.**

Summary

- ❖ Noah = “rest” and God used him to give rest from the wickedness and sin of the day.
- ❖ Noah walked by faith and remained faithful to the Lord and influenced his family.

Conclusion

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but **now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**
11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.**

Rom. 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it* is high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: **let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.**

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.