

SERMON NOTES

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All Is Not Lost:

God's Creativity at Humanity's End

Genesis 6:5-9; 7:1-6

God in His creativity will call us to work with Him in this world and do with Him what we cannot do by direct effort alone.

- We rightly call God "Creator", and there is no life apart from Him.
(Genesis 6:5-6)
- God's creativity invites our trust, but trust is an often brutal pathway.
(Genesis 6:7-9)
- In trusting and obeying God, we participate in God's creative work—if we can stand it.
(Genesis 7:1-5)

We might believe that God does good things, but do we believe it enough to do those things with Him?

Genesis 6:5-9

⁵ The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Genesis 7:1-6

¹ The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. ² Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, ³ and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made."

⁵ And Noah did all that the LORD commanded him.

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.