

## Genesis Chapter 6

**Ge 6:1-2** And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

These verses present a topic of debate between Bible Believers and Fundamentalists Baptists. A typical fundamentalist believes people were saved the same way in the O.T. as in the N.T. From that faulty mindset, they believe the sons of God in vs.2 refers to the “godly line of Seth”. But they fail to realize that the only beings who can properly be labeled as sons of God are Angels (*Job 38:7*), Adam (*Lu.3:38*), and born again believers (*Jn.1:12*) – *all created beings*.

The sons of God in vs.2 are a reference to angelic beings. The fundamentalist rebuttal is *Mr.12:25* which states that angels don’t marry. But Mark is referring to angels in heaven, not those who “...kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation...” *Jude 1:6-7*. It is unclear how long these marriages were going on, but God had enough – see vs.3

**Ge 6:3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

The spirit of God grants life (*Ge.2:7*). He is also the one who “reproves the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment” *Jn.16:8*. And although God is longsuffering, kind, gracious, and not willing that any should perish, he does set limits and will not always strive with man. In this case, God gave a warning of 120 years before flooding the earth.

**Ge 6:4** There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

According to the bible “there were giants in the earth in those days”. These were not dinosaurs but giant men. They were the offspring of the sons of God, and are found throughout O.T. scripture (*Deut.3:11, 1Chron.20:4, Josh.17:15, 2Sam.21:16–17, Num.13:33*). But no matter how mighty these men became, they and the sons of God were destroyed in the flood as well (*Ps.82:6-7, 1Pet.3:19-20, 2Pet.2:4*). I personally believe Noah’s family was not corrupted by this and thus he is described as being “perfect in his generations”, *Gen.6:9*.

**Ge 6:5-7** 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.

Both Noah and Enoch described this “world” as being ungodly (*2Pet.2:5, Jude 1:15*). Today’s world matches that description perfectly. In fact, the bible prophecies that the last days will be as the days of Noah and Sodom (*Lk.17:26-30*). This would indicate that the sons of God may intermarry once again in the coming days.

In verse 6 we find the first use of the word “repent” and it is the LORD who is repenting. However, *Nu 23:19* says “God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent...” We must define the word repent within the context of the passage. Some things God says are conditional, and some are not. Thank God he is willing to change his mind or no one would be saved (*Eph.5:8*). Furthermore, God never has to repent of doing wrong as man must do (*Lk.13:3*). The passage clearly says that God sees the imaginations and thoughts of the heart. It is with the heart that a man must believe on the Lord for salvation (*Rom.10:9*). Repentance is not merely a change of mind, but a change of heart through an acknowledging of one’s sinful condition. God is waiting for man to repent, *2 Peter 3:9* “...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

Once we are saved, God wants us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind (*Rom.12:2*) and to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God (*2Cor.10:5*).

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

Noah was described as being just, perfect in his generations, and one who walked with God (*Ge.6:9*). He was also a preacher of righteousness (*2Pet.2:5*). It is for these reasons that Noah found grace. *Psalms 84:11* For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will **give grace** and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from **them that walk uprightly**.

Grace is “earned” or “deserved” in the O.T. Grace is found 37 times in the O.T. (*26 times it is either “found” or “find” grace*) and 122 times in the N.T. (*over 3 times more*). In the N.T. we receive grace through faith in Jesus Christ (*Jn.1:17, Eph.2:8-9, 2Tim.1:9*) not according to our works.