

Adult Bible Study 2024
Week Six Notes
8/25/Sunday
Genesis end of 4, 5 and 6

Week 5 Recap

- Genesis 4 ends on a high note. Most of it is a wicked generation. Genesis 5 is righteous generation.
 - Note the two directions of life. It's never stagnant. Always moving
 - Creation
 - Chaos → Order → Rest
 - Sanctification
 - Destruction
 - Rest → Disorder → Chaos

Main Ideas of Genesis 5

- Genesis 5 is a refrain that is repeated; a beginning of a new chapter; a genealogy
- “Adam” means “earth” in Hebrew
 - JC is the new Adam
- “Likeness” is a drumbeat that is repeated in Scripture
- Keep in mind that the spiritual and natural realm are intimately united. They're not separate
- Adam's long life is the remnants of his potency/potential to live forever in Eden
 - Lifespans begin decreasing after him
 - Methuselah has the longest life - a son in his generation
 - Lamech (in Adam's line. Not Cain's line) lives 777 years
- Adam has a highly stylistic genealogy
 - Adam → Noah
- Enoch in Gen 5:24 “he was not, for God took him”
 - A truly, righteous, and perfect (see note below on perfection) man- he repented, walked in the fear of the Lord
 - He's a visual for being perfect
- “Noah” means “rest” in Hebrew. His name means there is a longing to return to the garden

Main ideas of Genesis 6

- (Wrong spelling) Beneha elohim - the unholy, evil angels
 - sons of God → meaning they are angels. But they are fallen angels. They are demons, the darkside of the sons of God. They possibly possessed men and procreated with the “tovo” women. “Tovo” means beautiful
 - This is an unholy mixture of demons and women. It's a parasitic relationship.

- Demons misuse the power they were given. In Genesis 6:3
- The right Son of God is the brightside of those angels or more specifically of Jesus Christ who is the Son of the Father, the Second Person of the Trinity who responds to the love of God instead of rejecting it.
- The demons are on a trajectory of evil - they've made their decision
 - Life for us today, every man gets to choose what direction to go. A long life in the holiness of God leads to eternal life. A long life in sin is a very detrimental, destructive life. It's also holy or sinful for those who come across that person. We have impact on those around us.
 - Life is a gift. We choose whether to live in grace or to reject it.
- The Nephilim are the super powerful occult warriors. They are the result of the demonic mixture
 - Their name means "name" or "shame" or "renown" - they're famous in their own eyes, in the eyes of man and not of God
 - Rock imagery in scripture is very intense → rock is evil, stuck all the time!
- Gen 6:5 "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" → there was no good thought. No good conception. No good action.
- Gen 6:6 - Anthropomorphism - giving a temporal, material, earthly quality to describe God. Using man's qualities to describe God.
 - God is transcendent and imminent
 - He is Love itself
 - A Love that is not bound by human machinations or man's understanding. He loves so tenderly and sweet
- Noah is so good - he found favor in God's eyes. We can do so too when we do God's will

Motifs

- Demon - the demon motif appears when there is a beautiful woman
- Beautiful woman - is attacked by a demon because of how GOOD she is
- One Righteous Man | First Man - Noah
- Perfect - we are perfect when we are rightly oriented to God. The RIGHT ORDERING is itself GOOD! That is what makes us perfect
 - Matt 5:48 - Christ says "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
 - That means that we can do it! And it is a right orientation
 - Be not confused by the Greek idea of reaching a pinnacle as meaning I get to reach perfection. Perfection is not emotionless
 - Perfection is being rightly ordered, dynamic, and relational with God