



Many were wicked and few were righteous

1. God saw man's wickedness

(Hebrews 4:13).

- ▶ God sees man's wickedness not just collectively but individually – Psalms 139:1-7; 69:5
- ▶ God sees not just the conduct but the heart ... Genesis 6:5; Proverbs 4:23; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 3:16
- ▶ Wickedness will torment the righteous (2 Peter 2:7-8) and the love of many will grow cold (Matthew 24:12) ... so what should we do?
 - ▶ 2 Corinthians 4:16; Revelation 2:5; Isaiah 40:27-31

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2. All were under law to God

- ▶ Otherwise, they could not have been counted wicked (Romans 5:13).
- ▶ What makes man wicked/sinful is his transgression of divine law (1 John 3:4).
- ▶ All mankind is accountable to Him.

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3. God views humanity with regard to our relationship with him

- ▶ He observed most of mankind as wicked in Noah's day. "... *Every intent of the thoughts of the heart was only evil continually*" (Genesis 6:5)
- ▶ On the other hand, "*Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah*" (verse 8; 2 Peter 2:5). Noah "*walked with God*" (Genesis 6:9)
- ▶ God desperately wants a relationship with us (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4), but that is up to us. God has done everything He can do! Isaiah 5:1-4
- ▶ Unfortunately, most will choose to not walk with God. Matthew 7:13-14

God Gave Warnings

- ▶ God (repeatedly) warned of the unseen. Hebrews 11:7 (11:1); 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:7
- ▶ God's warnings are for our good (Deuteronomy 6:4), that we should escape the sorrow that sin causes now and in eternity (Hebrews 12:25; Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 21:8).
- ▶ God uses mankind to convey His warnings: 2 Peter 2:5; Ezekiel 33:1-9

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- ▶ God's warnings to us:
 - ▶ Whom to fear (Satan and false teachers): Luke 12:5; Matthew 16:6, 12
 - ▶ What to fear (greed/covetousness): Luke 12:15
 - ▶ When to fear (when you stand): 1 Corinthians 10:12
 - ▶ Why to fear (eternal punishment): 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

God Was Patient/ Long Suffering

- ▶ God gave man time to repent. 1 Peter 3:20; Genesis 6:3
- ▶ God is also giving us time to repent. 2 Peter 3:9-15; Romans 2:4
- ▶ Just as in the days of Noah, once again, God's patience will end. Luke 13:25; Exodus 34:6-7

Few Were Saved

- ▶ 1 Peter 3:20, "... *few ... were brought safely through the water ...*" Few today are brought safely through the water also.
- ▶ Matthew 22:14, "*For many are called, but few are chosen.*" Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:23-24.
- ▶ Will we continue to submit? Jeremiah 42:1-3
- ▶ Don't be discouraged and get to work. 1 Kings 19:9-10; 18