**WHEN GOD JUDGES**

**(Genesis 5,6,7)**

1. **UPHOLDING HIS WORD (Genesis 5)**
2. **UNFOLDING HIS PLAN (Genesis 6 and 7)**
3. Great Apostasy (Gen.6:1-6)
4. God’s Plan (Gen.6:7-8)

 **1.Deliverance of the Godly (Gen.6:9-7:10)**

**2. Destruction of the Godless (Genesis 7:11-24)**

Unexpectedness of it!

Features of the Flood (Gen.7:1) and 2 Peter 3:5-6

Destruction of a Rebellious Generation

KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. God is teaching us a great deal about His judgment. God will not abide unrighteous violence and human rebellion indefinitely. The God of Creation will judge the earth! Be careful not to confuse God’s patience and longsuffering with approval of sin or refusal to judge! REMEMBER, the Lord is THE JUDGE (Romans 12:19 “Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.)
2. God’s judgment is always JUST! A main point in our lesson today is that God’s judgment in the flood is just! For God not to act…would raise the question how can God be righteous and good while allowing human behavior like this to persist?
3. What if God had not acted in Genesis 6 in sending His judgment? Humanity either would have killed itself off completely or we all would have been born in a far darker world! God’s judgment was necessary to sustain a civilization which would allow for human progress.
4. God in His holiness, righteousness, and justice must punish every sin. For the believer, Jesus has atoned for every personal sin at the cross. Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those that are in Christ Jesus.” For the unbeliever, he or she is headed for the wrath of God for the sins they have committed.
5. God’s judgment punishes sin in the life of the unbeliever. God disciplines His children to heal, teach, and help us. (i.e. David being confront with Nathan and then writing Ps. 139 “Search me, O God and see if there be any grievous way in me”
6. Will you reread Genesis 5,6, and 7? Are you like Noah…”in the Ark”…a believer in Jesus Christ? Have you received His grace? Have you praised Him and thanked Him for the salvation that He alone secured at Calvary that you will never be condemned? Will you “walk with Him”, spending time in His Word and listening to Him, following His leading each day? Will you ask Him to guide and provide that you might be His salt and His light in this corrupt, dark world?