

Week 21
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Transforming Daily
“... grace in the eyes of the Lord ...”
Genesis 6:8

One of the most intense episodes in the Bible is found in this passage. Anyone who has ever been fed-up with the way plans can turn sour understands the sentiment behind God’s exclamation to destroy the creation that he so wonderfully and perfectly designed and orchestrated. And now (Genesis 3:1-6:7), due to the personal will of man that God gave him, paradise has run-a-muck. While understanding the sentiment of God in this situation, one cannot even begin to fathom the depth of God’s righteous indignation.

One of the interesting points about this story is that while Noah is depicted as the hero, he was also numbered among those of creation that God fully intended to wipe out. There was nothing of Noah to merit God’s grace. In other words, Noah did nothing to win the affection or favor of God. God’s grace is just that, His grace. It ceases to be His grace if anyone can earn it, buy it, steal it, or deserves it. Noah was just like the rest of us; he was born a sinner.

However, Noah was chosen by God to do His will. Noah heard God and listened to His Word. As a result, Noah, his family and some of God’s creation were saved to carry on God’s intended design for creation. One of the points of application from this passage pertains to the responsibility of the man’s, (husband’s, and father’s) leadership roll inherent in God’s plan for discipline and order (this is not an issue of essence, but hierarchy). The message is that the success of wives, families and communities (local, national or global) are directly influenced by the male – he will answer to God for this privilege and honor (not a right). (Wrongfully many men abuse, refuse, or abdicate this roll, and as a result chaos and confusion ensues).

By your mere existence whether, male or female, young or old, rich or poor, irrespective of race, geographic location, socio-economic, socio-political status you have experienced the grace of God (you’re alive). What have you done with the grace of God in your life? What are you doing with the grace of God in your life? Do you recognize the grace of God in your life? If you are a believer in Christ, you found the ultimate purpose of grace in the eyes of the Lord.