**“RIGHTEOUSNESS SURROUNDED BY WICKEDNESS”**

 **Genesis 6:1-13**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Idea of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

 1. What is the most significant natural disaster you have witnessed or experienced?

 2. What do you find most disturbing about society today?

**Genesis 6:1–13 (NLT)**

1Then the people began to multiply on the earth, and daughters were born to them.

2The sons of God saw the beautiful women and took any they wanted as their wives.

3Then the Lord said, “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.”

4In those days, and for some time after, giant Nephilites lived on the earth, for whenever the sons of God had intercourse with women, they gave birth to children who became the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.

5The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

6So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

7And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.”

8But Noah found favor with the Lord.

9This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

10Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.

12God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt.

13So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

***EXPLORE***

1. Why did God limit life to a hundred and twenty years? (6:1–3)
2. What was God’s initial reaction to the wickedness of mankind? (6:5–6)
3. What kind of man was Noah? (6:8–10)
4. How did God decide to deal with man’s corruption on the earth?(6:11–13)

***APPLY***

1. How does Noah’s world compare to our society?
2. Why was God willing to destroy most every living thing?
3. Who is someone you know whom you would describe as blameless?
4. How can we maintain a blameless reputation?
5. How does God respond to the evil in our society?
6. What is one thing you can do to cultivate a blameless reputation among your coworkers? Neighbors?