

3. The sad and determined condemnation of the antediluvian world.
(Genesis 6:9-13)

Table Talk

- 1) What views have you heard about 6:1-4? Why might we not be clear on the precise meaning of these verses? What is clear in verses 1-4?
- 2) Name God's actions in verses 5-8. What two observations did God make about man? (v. 5) What was God's response to man's sin? (v. 6) What does God plan to do about man's sin? (v. 7) Why is Noah special? (v. 8) What is the "grace" or "favor" that Noah receives?
- 3) What does the Bible mean in saying that the Lord "regretted that He had made man" and that "I am sorry that I have made them"? How is God's regret or sorrow different from ours? How is it the same?
- 4) What are the three characteristics describing Noah? (v. 9) What are the two characteristics of the earth? (v. 11) What challenges might Noah have faced in living in a world so at odds with his own worldview? Are you as different from your world as Noah was from his? Why or why not?
- 5) How do you think Noah was able to stay pure in spite of the evil world in which he lived? How can we stay pure in spite of the evil world in which we live? What mission did Noah have while building the ark (see 2 Peter 2:5)? How is our mission similar to Noah's as a herald of righteousness until the day of judgment? How will the future judgment be similar to the judgment of the flood in Noah's day (see Matthew 24:36-39)?