

Lesson 20

5.4 The corruption of the human race

- We have mentioned in past lessons that every period in which God relates and reveals Himself to man always ends with God's judgment. We saw this in the first period, when after man's sin and fall, the period called innocence ended with the judgment of man's departure from the Garden of Eden.

We are studying the second period, in which man was left to be guided by his own conscience. We have seen that man has moved further away from God and we will see that this separation will culminate in the judgment of the flood. We know of the existence of the flood, but what was the real reason that led God to execute the judgment of the flood? How can we explain the existence of giants in the past, as the Bible clearly reports?

- We studied in ⇒ **Genesis 3:15**, after the fall of man, that God gave man the first prophecy of the coming of the Savior, a prophecy of the one who would crush the head of the serpent, a prophecy of the coming of the one who would be the 'seed of the woman'. The prophecy said that the seed would be born of a virgin woman, without the interference of man. And Satan, the serpent, always seeking to disrupt God's plan of salvation for man, would attack with his plan to contaminate the human race and try to prevent the birth of the 'seed of the woman – *'her seed'*.

⇒ **Genesis 6:1~12**

- **V.8:** *'But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord'*, hallelujah! God is faithful to His Word. God always reserves a remnant so that the 'seed of the woman' may be born. Satan did what we read here, to try to prevent the birth of the Savior, but God always reserves a man. Noah was righteous and upright because God's grace reached him, and he was preserved. The grace of God reached him.

a) Sons of God and daughters of men.

- What is the first thing we need to do to understand this chapter? It is to define in the Bible what sons of God are and what daughters of men mean, sons of God and daughters of men.
- We saw in the previous lesson that Cain left the presence of the Lord, he turned away from God for good, as did his descendants. We also saw that Seth was born to Adam and Eve, in place of Abel, who fathered Enosh and then men, from Enosh onwards, his descendants, began to call on the name of the Lord.
- If we say that the sons of God are those who believe in God, those who are saved (for that time we will say the descendants of Seth), and that the daughters of men are the descendants of Cain, do you find biblical support for this in the text we read? The answer is no, because there is no evidence. Why can't it be the good descendants and the bad descendants, looking at the text? It cannot be, because we have to 'force' this interpretation a lot. We are saying this because it is an interpretation officially taught in many churches.

- **V.1:** *'Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them'*; this means what is written there.
- **V.2:** *'that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful'*; did Cain's descendants only have wives?
- Another interpretation is that the sons of God were all the saved, those who believed in God, and the daughters of men were the lost; this is also taught.
- To interpret it this way, we have to move away from the 'literality' of the Bible, we would have to have another basis to support these interpretations. So, it is said in churches: 'this is also not important, it is not necessary to study'. However, we have to pay close attention at this time, because as we studied, Jesus compares it with what we are seeing happening today.
- So, what we see here is that women were women. Now, if the children of God were the 'good guys' in the story, why was God so irritated, so angry, with what they did?
 - **V.3:** *My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh.*
 - **V.6:** *'And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart'.*
 - **V.7:** *'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them'.*

If the children of God were the good ones in history, they did something that made God deeply upset.

- Just because the subject is difficult, are we going to start making things up? Or are we going to leave it aside and not study it? Let's stick to the simplicity of God's Word.
 - ⇒ **II Timothy 3:16~17;** All Scripture is for our instruction.
- The text of ⇒ **Genesis 6** says that they were women, that they were beautiful, that they took for themselves wives of all whom they chose, that is, the women were the women of the human race.
- Now, let's see what the Bible calls 'the sons of God.' The O.T. calls only one class of beings, the angels, as sons of God.
 - ⇒ **Job 1:6;** Here it includes the fallen angels and the elect angels.
 - ⇒ **Job 2:1;** The phrase is repeated.
 - ⇒ **Job 38:7;** Here, the stars are angels, as we have already studied; God is questioning Job, when He created the world before the creation of man.

Adam is also called the son of God, but in the N.T.

⇒ **Luke 3:38;** *'And Adam of God. (son of God).'*

- The angels, even the fallen ones, and Adam are called sons of God, because there is a principle of God here, a biblical pattern. Sons of God, in the language of God, therefore in the language of the Bible, always designates those who are direct creations of God; someone who is formed directly by God, this is true throughout the Bible.

Each angel was formed by God, angel by angel, we have already studied this previously, that is why they are called sons of God. Adam was formed directly by God, that is why in the genealogy of Jesus, ⇒ **Luke 3:38**, *'Adam is called the son of God.'*

- And today, are we called children of God? Why? Because the principle does not change all those who accept Jesus, the saved, are called children of God. When you accepted Jesus as Savior, God breathed a new spirit into you, and then you began to be called a child of God, because you were a direct creation of God.
 - ⇒ **II Corinthians 5:17**; *'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation'*; creation is the correct word here.
 - ⇒ **John 1:12**; *'He gave the right to become children of God'*; they were not and became.
 - ⇒ **John 1:13**; *'Who were born (all who received Jesus), not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God'*, that is, directly of God.

So, the principle does not change. Each one of us who accepts Jesus, God created individually, directly, a new creation. And in the Old Testament, only the angels and Adam followed this principle.

- Adam was created in the likeness of God and should have begotten children according to this likeness. But, with the entrance of sin, man fell and lost that likeness of God, his spirit died, he was disconnected from God. Man began to have his own likeness, carnal, fallen, separated from God. Adam began to generate sons and daughters according to his likeness, without the spirit connected to God, without the likeness of God in the spirit.

⇒ **Genesis 5:1~3**

Therefore, when we accept Jesus, we receive a new spirit, there is a new birth, born again. (⇒ **John 3:3~5**); we are a new creation (⇒ **II Corinthians 5:17**); we have the right to become children of God (⇒ **John 1:12**); a new creation in the likeness of God, not born of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (⇒ **John 1:13**).

b) What happened then?

- So, fallen angels, because to do this they had to be fallen angels, possessed women of the human race and had children with them, and these children were giants. It is so supernatural, it is so strange, that man either leaves it aside or keeps giving other interpretations. We have to stay with the Bible.
- Do angels have sex? We have heard this question many times. They say that the Bible says that angels do not have sex, and that it was Jesus who said it.

⇒ **Matthew 22:23~33**

The Sadducees were religious rationalists in the time of Jesus. They did not believe in the supernatural, they did not believe in angels or resurrection. They wanted to 'catch' Jesus somehow and went to question him about a Jewish law, in which a man had to raise up descendants. When a man did not have children with his wife and died, his brother would marry the widow to raise up descendants and so the family name would not end.

- **V.24~28;** The Sadducees questioned Jesus.
- **V. 29~30;** Jesus' answer: Jesus in no way says that angels do not have sex, only that they do not marry, that is, in heaven there will be no marriage, but the man will be a man, and the woman will be a woman.
- Angels are very tall beings. I think this is a characteristic that comes from angels. Anyone who has seen them knows that they are tall. Angels appear, they are sent by God, when there is a need.
 - ⇒ **Hebrews 1:14**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 103:20**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 91:11**
 - ⇒ **Hebrews 13:2;** Many will entertain angels.
 - ⇒ **Acts 12:1~11;** Peter is released from prison by an angel.
- God sends his angels when there is a need. He does not distract his people with visions of angels. Many times, angels appear so natural to man, so normal, that you do not even suspect that they are an angel; they look like a man.
 - ⇒ **Daniel 10:5**
- But these angels, who were fallen, took for themselves women from the human race.
 - ⇒ **Genesis 6:4**
 - Nephilim = giants; whenever we have names of peoples ending in 'im' in the Bible, they refer to giants.
 - 'And also, afterward'; remember this expression that will be important later.
 - The sons of God knew the daughters of men, and they bore children to him; these children were giants, Nephilim.
- In the next lesson we will finish this study up to ⇒ **Genesis 6:12**, and we will see the Bible proving that the sons of God, in this text, were fallen angels.