

**"Finding Favor in the Eyes of God" – Genesis 6:1-8**

Pastor Bill Schlonecker – Feb. 10, 2013 – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Trapped with no way out – such is the condition of man in his sinful estate – apart from God's grace

**1-The sinfulness of man's heart had become so thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ that God was moved to bring severe \_\_\_\_\_ on all mankind and the earth itself – vv. 5, 11-12**

**a-The \_\_\_\_\_ of God demands judgment of sin – Habakkuk 1:13**  
"You Who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong."

Sin must be judged for God's righteousness / justice to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**b-God's judgment may not be \_\_\_\_\_, but it is \_\_\_\_\_**

It is only and always God's \_\_\_\_\_ that holds back judgment

**c-Man's heart – apart from God's grace – is desperately \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ – Jeremiah 17:9 – "The heart is deceitful above all things..."**

**Total depravity = our absolute and total \_\_\_\_\_ to do anything to even begin to make us righteous or acceptable to God**

**~Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ – "every intention of the THOUGHTS of his heart..."**  
Cf. Matthew 15:18

2-The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's heart is so thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ that He is moved to extend grace in the midst of depravity when indeed there is no other way of \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 8

→ "But Noah found favor / grace in the eyes of the LORD!"

a-Noah did not \_\_\_\_\_ grace, He \_\_\_\_\_ grace as it was initiated and extended to him from the heart of God.

b-Grace is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ hours and in the \_\_\_\_\_ pit

c-God's grace is \_\_\_\_\_ the only \_\_\_\_\_ from God's judgment -

"Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men..."

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way...

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne..."