

THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMPROMISE

Text: Genesis 6:1-8

Introduction:

1. There are many lessons to be learned from the Book of Beginnings – Genesis.
2. Yet, one of the most shocking and important is the rapid progression of sin.
3. Very shortly after the creation, Adam and Eve introduced sin into the world.
4. Since that time, sin spread until engulfed nearly the entire Earth.
5. From Genesis 6 we learn how the devil aids the spread of sin through the spirit of compromise...

I. The Reason for Compromise (vs. 1-2)

- A. There are two separate and distinct types of people on God's Earth.
 1. Those who are faithful to Him – "*the sons of God.*"
 2. Those who are not faithful to Him – "*the daughters of men.*"
- B. This passage informs us that the faithful children of God began to intermarry with the unfaithful and wicked of the world.
- C. The result of these marriages was compromise with sin.
- D. The motivation (reason) for this compromise was two-fold...
 1. **Carnality** – "*that they were fair*"
 - a. They desired the physical over the spiritual.
 - b. 1 Sam. 16:7; Isa. 55:8-9; Luke 16:15
 2. **Selfishness** – "*of all which they chose*"
 - a. They chose what they wanted, not what God desired.
 - b. **Rebellion** (Deut. 9:23-24; 1 Sam. 15:23-24)

II. The Rejection of Compromise (vs. 3)

- A. Because of their compromise, God would no longer strive with them.
 1. God's Spirit strives with man through His Word (Neh. 9:30).
 2. This striving was done by the preaching of Noah (2 Pet. 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:18-20).
- B. There is a limit to God's longsuffering.
 1. 120 years – The time of God's longsuffering (1 Pet. 3:20).
 2. Noah preached for 120 years and saved only his family.

III. The Results of Compromise (vs. 4-5)

- A. Sinners are strengthened.
 1. The children of these compromised marriages are called giants.
 - a. They may have been giant in stature (cf. Dt. 2:20-21; 3:11).
 - b. Physical dominance without moral guidance leads to oppression.
 2. Thus, they and their children became men of name, notoriety.
- B. Sin is spread.
 1. The result was that sin found a fertile field in which to grow.
 2. By the end of the 120 years man was completely corrupt.

IV. The Ruin of Compromise (vs. 6-7)

A. God is grieved.

1. Rebellion and rejection grieves the heart of God (Heb. 3:10, 17).
2. Thus, God's mind is changed toward His creation – from gracious protector to righteous judge.

B. Man is destroyed.

1. The world was destroyed because of man's compromise with sin (cf. 7:21-22; Psalm 104:1-9).
2. All sinners were killed and are now in the prison of torment awaiting the final judgment.

V. The Redemption from Compromise (vs. 8)

A. God's grace.

1. God still extends grace to remove man from sin.
2. Man must be willing not to compromise with the world.

B. Man's faith.

1. It is only by man's complete trust in God that he can avoid compromise.
2. It is only by man's obedient faith that he can escape the ruin of compromise (Heb. 11:7).

Conclusion:

1. Have you compromised with the world.
2. Have you compromised with error.
3. Have you compromised with sin.
4. Come back to God by faithful obedience to His Will.