

"Demonic Influence"

Genesis 6:1-4

Introduction: Today we are coming back to our study in the book of *Genesis* and in so doing we have landed in *Genesis* chapter 6.

So far in our study we have looked at many topics:

1. The six days of creation.
2. The first marriage.
3. The entrance of sin into the world.
4. The consequences of sin.
5. The curse.
6. The first promise of the *Gospel*.
7. The first picture of the *Gospel*.
8. The births of Cain and Abel.
9. The first society.
10. The age of the earth.
11. The hope of the rapture.

The list goes on and on but the point is that we have covered a great deal of information in our *Genesis* study.

Now as we come to *Genesis* 6 today we come to a very interesting portion of Scripture.

Notice *Genesis* 4:1-6

When I read these verses there are a couple of questions which come to mind;

1. Who are the sons of God?
2. How does this pertain to my life?

Today we shall answer both of these questions. Before we get into our text I want to remind you that *Genesis* is a book of beginnings and so whatever we find happening here is the beginning of something which God desires for us to pay very close attention to.

I. When did this take place?

Notice *Genesis* 6:1

Here we are told that whatever is taking place here seems to have started back shortly after the fall. It all started when men began to multiply on the face of the earth. So we know from 6:1 that whatever is happening here started back in the days of Adam and Eve.

II. Who were the sons of God?

Notice Genesis 6:1-2

Now we can see that the sons of God were attracted to the beauty of the daughters of men (who were the women) of the pre flood era. We can also see that they married these women so we know that there were wedding ceremonies taking place to unite these couples together. This is seen in the use of the word "wives".

But let us now consider the sons of God. Who were they? There are multiple ideas as to who the sons of God were.

1. Some say they were the saved people of Noah's day.

There are 2 problems with this idea:

- a. If they were the righteous of Noah's day then what happened to them when the flood came? There were only 6 righteous people in all the earth when the flood came. There was Noah, his wife, his 3 sons and their wives. Now some say they probably drowned in the flood. But there is a problem with that.

2 Peter 2:5

⁵ *And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;*

Peter lets us know that the flood came upon the world of the ungodly. Therefore the sons of God could not have been the righteous of Noah's day because they would have then entered the ark and we know that only 8 people entered the ark.

- b. The righteous are never referred to as the sons of God in the Old Testament. In the New Testament they are but not in the Old Testament.

So we can safely say they were **not** the saved people of the pre flood era. So who are they?

2. These were demons or fallen angels.

Angels in the Bible are referred to as sons of God.

Job 1:6

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.

The sons of God which we read of in Genesis 6 are fallen angels or demonic spirits. When Satan rebelled against God he took with him a 3rd of the angels.

Revelation 12:3-4a

³ And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:

The sons of God in Genesis 6 are some of these fallen angels. The fallen angels which were involved here in Genesis 6 are now locked up in chains.

Jude 1:6

⁶ And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Whatever was happening here in Genesis 6 was something which caused God to lock the fallen angels involved in chains for a future day of judgment.

III. What was happening in society?

Notice Genesis 6:2

Now we can better understand what is happening in this verse. The demons desired the women of that day. But demons are spirits and spirits cannot have physical relations with a woman so what was happening was the demons were entering the men in order to get to the women.

Therefore, in Noah's day, (and it started back shortly after creation) there was a great deal of demon possession. I believe this can be seen in other verses in Genesis 6.

Genesis 6:5

⁵ *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Genesis 6:11

¹¹ *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

But I believe there is far more here that we are not seeing on the surface.

Notice Genesis 6:3

I want you to pay very close attention to this verse. Whom does God place the blame on in this verse for these "demonic relationships"? He places it all on man. He does not say, "My Spirit will not always tolerate the actions of these fallen angels".

Now listen: the people of the pre flood society were actually inviting the demons to indwell them. The people were soliciting the demons and the demons were eager to comply because it was the goal of Satan and all of his demonic followers to corrupt the human race so as to destroy the promise of the Redeemer.

Now that should make us ask some questions, "Why was man doing this?", "Why would a man want to expose his family to the demonic world?"

Let me first of all tell you that man did not do this because he knew it would corrupt his life and his family nor did he do it because he believed it would lead him down the path of eternal damnation. These people are very intelligent and they would never walk into something which would lead them to hell if they knew that would be the outcome.

Think with me for a moment about some of what we have looked at in our previous studies and one in particular. Remember how Genesis 5 continued to tell us about how everyone died? It was like a long list of obituaries. These people lived a long time but they all would eventually die. As the pre flood society looked around they were constantly reminded of death.

Then there was the announcement of the curse and all the suffering which would enter the world and they were eye witnesses to the suffering. Adam lived to be 900 years old so he was able to tell many from first hand experience what God had said about death and how it was not escapable.

So all of these people are looking for a way to escape death; Satan knows how much they fear death and he knows they will be quick to believe a lie so he formulates some sort of lie that if man will join up with him and his demonic spirits they can have victory over death and they can somehow become gods.

Remember what he said to Eve in Genesis 3?

Genesis 3:4-5

⁴ *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*

⁵ *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

So here are close to 10 billion people who are looking for a way to escape death and along comes Satan and says, "You can beat death. Not only will you beat death but you will be just like God if you follow my plan for you". He then introduces his false religion and the pre flood society buys right into it and that is why God tells us His Spirit would not always strive with man. God was working through the Spirit to draw man to Himself but man said "NO" to God and "YES" to Satan's lie.

This is exactly why God brought the flood on the earth to destroy man. Man had gone so far there was no turning him back again.

Let me just say that after the flood we will see the very same satanic lie again at the tower of Babel. There will be the fear of death and the belief in Satan's lie and man will rebel against God.

It is also seen today. The Mormon Church teaches their people that when they die they will get their own planet and there they will populate that planet by having celestial sex forever. They are taught they will be a God on their own planet. This is the same thing as what we find in Genesis 6 it is just wrapped in a different package.

Let's consider one more thought then we will make a very important application.

IV. Who were the giants in verse 4?

Notice Genesis 6:4

These "giants" are not half man and half angel. The idea behind "mighty men" and "men of renown" is that they were very influential people. They were extremely powerful in the way in which they influenced society. They were the leaders of the society and they ruled over others. Let me show you another verse.

Numbers 13:33

³³ *And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*

Here is a report from the spies that went into Canaan and they saw giants there. This is the same word as is used in Genesis 6. But many think the giants of Canaan came from the giants in Genesis 6. That is impossible because the giants in Genesis 6 all drowned in the flood. They had no offspring which lived.

Conclusion:

There is an application which I want to make here and then I will connect it with Genesis 6:3.

Satan had made an offer to the pre flood society which was a lie. He promised them heaven but they only received hell.

Please make a note that Satan is a liar. He will always make promises that he has something better than that which God offers but his ways will always lead you into heart ache and destruction.

Notice Genesis 6:3

In His grace God gave the pre flood society 120 years to repent. He would give them many warnings of the coming judgment but they continued to follow Satan down the broad path of destruction until the flood swept them all away into eternal damnation.

I need to remind you also that if you have been suppressing God's convictions that you have less than 120 years. Right now you are

walking in grace but someday it will come to an abrupt end and if you are not saved you will be swept away into a Christ-less eternity.

God has provided a way for you to have victory over death and to have eternal life. It is through His Son and there is no other way.

John 14:6

⁶ *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*