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The Life of Noah – Genesis 6:5-9

## Matthew 24:36-39

God “saw” – Hebrews 4:13

This is not the seeing of **sudden** perception, this is the seeing of **constant** awareness.

The modern view of man is that man is basically **good & noble** and is just crippled by his environment.

The Bible’s definition of man is that what’s wrong with him isn’t his **behavior**, but his **nature**.

“heart” – to the Hebrew mind, heart refers to the seat of **thinking**

“inclination” – related to the word “**formed**”

God looked into the heart of man and saw that everything formed there was only **evil** all the time.

Every human being is a **sinner** at heart, unable to form anything himself that is not wicked.

## Mark 7:14, 21-23; James 1:14; Jeremiah 17:9

Noah’s day is just like **our own**.

Noah didn’t **earn** God’s blessing; he was **given** God’s favor.

“**blameless**” – a blameless man simply didn’t persist in **blameworthy** actions.

“**righteous**” – a righteous man is a sinner who **hates** his sin, turns from it, trusts God, pursues **obedience**, and enjoys acceptance by grace. (Hebrews 11:7)

“**walked with God**” – Noah’s relationship with God was enduring, steady, and nurtured **over time**.

The question Noah’s story begs us to deal with is “What **difference** do you make?”

## Philippians 2:14-16

The basic step: do everything without **complaining** and arguing.

The crucial step: hold **out** & hold **on** to the word of life. You can’t do one without the other.

Until we realize the **sinful** nature of man,

Until we realize there is nothing we can do to **earn** God’s favor nor does God **owe** us anything,

Then two things won’t happen:

- 1) We won’t experience the incredible daily grace of God because we don’t think we **need** it.
- 2) We won’t live in front of or speak to the people in our lives about God because we don’t see them in the **dire** situation the Bible says they are in.

But when we do, then we, like Noah, can be an instrument of **life & hope** for the world around us.

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