

11/4/2018

## When Earth Stunk to High Heaven

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*And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. —Genesis 6:6*

Years ago we were in New York City when the garbage collectors were on strike. There was trash everywhere—trash piled on top of trash—not to mention the vermin. It was a mess.

That is a little what Planet Earth was like morally and spiritually in Noah’s day. It stunk to high Heaven. Genesis 6 tells us that God actually was sorry that He had made mankind. Why was He sorry? Verse 5 gives us the answer: “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (NKJV).

It was *only evil*, not occasionally evil. There weren’t even occasional good thoughts that gripped them. It was evil layered upon evil layered upon evil. In fact, the Hebrew phrase used here could be translated to say that wickedness had reached a high degree, or the highest pitch. As a result, God was about to bring judgment on the earth.

Why would a loving God bring judgment? Because not only is God loving, but He is also just. As Abraham said correctly, “Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Genesis 18:25 NKJV). If people can flagrantly and continually break God’s laws, murdering and destroying and perverting everything that is right, is it beneficial for God to turn away and do nothing? Actually, it makes no sense. God is good. God is loving. God is righteous. And God is just.

When God spoke to Noah, things were as bad as they possibly could be. Noah was a last-days believer who showed us that we can live godly lives in an ungodly world. He lived a righteous life in an unrighteous place, shining as a bright light in the darkest circumstances imaginable

## News and Notes

- Amy would like your help putting together a care package to send to Megan Rudy at school. If you would like to add something, such as snacks, body wash, lotion, etc., please bring your items to the building by November 4.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email [prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org](mailto:prayer@scottsbuffchurchofchrist.org).

## Birthdays

Shannon Griffitts 11/06      Jeremy Sanderson 11/14  
 If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

## Those Serving

### 11/4/2018

Opening Prayer	Jeremy	Table: West	Tom
Song Leader	Chris	Center	Gary
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Shane
Closing Prayer	Jonathan	Preacher:	Pre-Recorded
Devotion:	Gary	Song Leader:	Shane

### Announcements: Chris

### 11/11/2018

Opening Prayer	Chris	Table: West	Gary
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Chris
Scripture Reader	Gary	East	Tom
Closing Prayer	Jay	Preacher:	Shane
Devotion:	Prayer	Song Leader:	Chris

### Announcements: Shane