

The results of the union of these two groups was a contaminated world. God destroyed this generation with a worldwide flood. Only Noah and his family were spared when they built an ark according to God's instructions.

A very valuable lesson is missed when we assume *the sons of God* in Genesis 6 refers to angels. We get to have our fantasy world with dragons and giants, but we miss the reality of the lesson that God is giving us.

The problem begins with the worldly women, *the daughters of men* (Cain). These girls were likely very beautiful naturally, but I believe they learned how to accentuate their looks. They learned how to entice with their features. Does anyone really believe the daughters of Seth were all ugly? No, the worldly women flaunted their flesh while the godly women remained modest.

The problem gets worse when the godly men are led away by the beauty of the worldly women. They disregard the lack of spiritual quality in these girls and marry indiscriminately. After sacrificing their spiritual values for the sake of fleshly lusts, these formerly godly men continue to decline in morals.

The giants were likely literally huge men, but the point is not their size. The men became famous for their violence and disregard for God. The value system of the world was changed. The people honored toughness instead of righteousness. The decline continued until a generation was born that thought about evil continually (Gen. 6:5). It was then that God called Noah.

Does anyone see similarities between Noah's people and ours? The immodesty, the violence, the lusts, and the neglect of the spirit are all signs of the end. Will we be ready like Noah?

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5:00 p.m. Worship

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Announcements

Brandon Hawks will be speaking for us tonight since it is the fifth Sunday. Brandon is from Greencastle.

A new month begins this week. Check for your new duties.

We thank Dusty for the work of completing the monthly worship roster. Also we want to thank Didi for maintaining the website and Wes for recording the sermons.

Secular school will be resuming shortly. It is more important than ever that you see your children get a Bible education to counteract some of the things they will be taught in school. Get your children to Bible class!

We have about seven shut-ins. This makes it difficult to visit them all, but try to see one or more this week. Most of them enjoy visits and would love to talk to you.

**Walk toward
God and then
with Him**

Who Were The Sons of God?

Ron Roberts

The term “**Son of God**” generally refers to Jesus. One possible exception is the Being seen in the fire with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abenego in Daniel 3:25. However, the plural, “**sons of God**” refers to a number of different groups.

In the New Testament the label is given to Christians. Rom. 8:14 says, “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*”. Paul told the Philippians to “...*be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,...*” (Phil. 2:15). John uses the term twice in 1 Jn. 3:1-2 to refer to Christians, saying “...*we should be called the sons of God...*” and “...*now are we the sons of God...*”

In the Old Testament we have a different group being referred to in Job 1:6 and 2:1. In these verses the sons of God are apparently spiritual beings who come into God’s presence. Obviously these are not Christians as the church has not yet been established. Neither does it appear that these *sons* are human. When they showed up Satan did as well. It was at this instance that God professed Job’s righteousness and gave the devil the opportunity to test him.

But the sons of God that are often improperly identified are those found in Gen. 6:2 and 4. The Bible says, “*And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown*” (Gen. 6:1-4). Who were these sons of God? Were they the same spiritual beings that Job talks about? Were they angels who married women?

Many believe these were angels that lusted after mortal women and married them. Because these “*sons of God*” were not human, their offspring were *giants*. They became famous for their feats of power.

Such a conclusion stems largely from the vanity of humans and their uncontrollable lusts. When men see a woman as tremendously desirable they believe all beings would agree. In Greek mythology the gods often lusted after human beauties. So men like to imagine that male angels are not above them in their desires either. These spiritual beings lusted after human beauty and married the daughters of men.

Why do I disagree with this conclusion? Because Jesus said angels do not marry (Matt. 22:30). Nor does it seem they have a gender. There is no reason to conclude a spiritual being would lust after a fleshly being anymore than a fish would want to marry a kangaroo! Men like women and women like men. This was God’s arrangement. I realize there are many perversions of this plan, but I do not believe the angels were guilty of perverting God’s intentions.

A much more logical explanation is that the sons of God were the descendants of Seth. Seth was the son born to Adam and Eve after Cain murdered Abel. We read in Gen. 4:25-26 “*And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.***”

Prior to this text we read of the generations of Cain (Gen. 4:17-24). After this text we read of the children of Adam (Gen. 5:1-32). The descendants of Cain introduced brass work, ranching, music, bigamy, and killing. They showed no interest in spiritual things. These are the people who produced *the daughters of men*. They had girls who knew how to provoke lust in the hearts of men. The descendants of Seth began to call upon the name of the Lord. They were *the sons of God*. When we reach Genesis 6, *the sons of God* (Seth’s heirs) are overcome with lust for *the daughters of men* (Cain’s children).