

CORE SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Destroying God's Created Order

Some introductory questions

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What Jesus says about marriage

Matt. 19:4-6

Goes right to Gen. 1:27-28; 2:24-25

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What Peter says about that same past time

- If God did not spare the sinning angels or the ancient world, but preserved Noah – a herald of righteousness; and
- If God condemned S & G to extinction, but rescued righteous Lot, who raised the cry
- Then will not God rescue the righteous from their trials (persecution)?

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**A look at the days of Noah – Gen. 6
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A look at the days of Noah – Gen. 6
Corrupted gene pool – Nephilim or giants

- Sex outside of proper kind
- Sex slave trade

Man's wickedness great

Man's intention in his heart – only evil continually

All Flesh had

- Corrupted the earth
- Filled it with violence

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But Noah

- Was righteous
- Was blameless in his generation
- Walked with God

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God's reaction - emotional

- **Regretted making man**
- **Was grieved to His heart**
- **Refused to abide/contend with man forever**
 - **Limited their remaining years to 120**
- **Said He would blot them out + all creatures**
- **Sorrowed at having made them**

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God's reaction - Behavioral

- Chained the sinning angels in gloomy darkness
- Destroyed the earth and everything on it
- But Noah
 - found favor in His eyes
 - was told of the coming destruction and
 - was saved from God's judgment through obedience

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A look at the days of Lot – Gen. 18/19

God tells Abraham the problem

- **I have heard a great outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah**
- **Their sin is very grave**
- **It must be checked out**
- **Abraham pleads with God for mercy**

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The 2 angels visit Lot to check out Sodom

- **The people demonstrate the truth about the outcry**
- **Lot warns his close friends about the pending judgment**
- **He is ignored, thought to be a fool**

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The angels seize Lot, his wife and 2 daughters and forcibly remove them from the city

God pours out His judgment on the cities and all are killed, but for Lot & family because of God's mercy

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Paul's description of the descent of man – Rom 1:18-36

- God can be known – creation
- Man suppresses that truth in unrighteousness
- Man does not honor or thank God
- Become fools – rejecting immortality for mortal
- God gives them over
 - First to impure lust/passion
 - Women to relations contrary to nature
 - Men to shameless acts with other men

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- Then to a debased mind, when God went unacknowledged by them
 - Doing what they should not
 - Filling up with all manner of unrighteousness
 - Becoming gossips, etc.
 - Giving approval to those who practice such things
- And
- Finally God's judgment rightly falls

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The stage is being set now for such a world

The Cultural attack on marriage and family

- High divorce rates
- Cohabitation the norm → > divorce rate
- Sex decoupled from procreation - “hooking up”
- Increase in single parent families
- The normalization of homosexuality
- Sex slave trade
- Pornography

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- Some statistics on pornography - covenanteyes
 - US revenue > \$13B (\$3B on line) – down 50%
 - 1 in 8 searches is for it > 1.6 B searches YTD
 - age < 24 weekly use: male 68%; fem 18%
 - Viewing porn rewires your brain
 - Reduces the ability to enjoy real sex
 - Could not find stat on affect on marriage rate

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The Technological attack on marriage and family

WWW & Social Media – the new tower of Babel

The internet

- Viewing porn →
2X more likely for adultery
56% of divorce cases – 1 party obsessed w porn

Social Media

- 68% of divorce cases: 1 party met new lover on line

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Advances in biologic research

- Birth control devices and pills
- In vitro fertilization
- Genetic engineering of human DNA
 - To cure/prevent certain illnesses
 - To enhance certain traits and characteristics
- Cloning

Transhumanism – the integration of man and machine

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- Eugenics refined – eliminating defective people
 - Selective breeding, castrating, sterilizing
 - Laboratory genetic modification
- Transhumanism – enhancing human deficiencies
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Imbedded chips → Wireless computer control
 - Human Artificial Chromosome
 - External attachments

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The corrupting of the earth by man

- **Pollution**
 - **Environmental**
 - **Technological**
 - **Moral**
- **Evil & wickedness**
 - **Spiritual**
 - **Sexual**
 - **Drugs**

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- Violence
 - Loss of civility
 - Anger
 - Road rage
 - Domestic violence
 - Workplace violence
 - Gangs
 - Global terrorism – ethnic and religious

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What should our response be?

Be prepared

- For His imminent return
- For treacherous times
- To give an answer

Be bold

Trust God

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What's next?