

God “Saw” and it “Repented” the LORD – An interpretive study

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The goal of the true exegete, is to “see” the “Pike’s Peak View of Scripture”, and if this view does not support the manifestation of the glory of God in every age, ([Ephesians 2:7, 3:21](#)) (See [II Corinthians 10:14-18](#) about boasting), the proper interpretation has not been achieved. The purpose of God manifesting His glory in His creation (salvation before the foundation of the world), again is strongly expressed in [Ephesians 1:6-14](#); Even after talking about the antichrist coming after the Rapture and before the Second Advent we have God’s glory: [II Thessalonians 2:8-17](#). We are called for the express manifestation His glory [I Peter 5:9-11](#), [I Peter 2:9-11](#), even in times of ungodly governments: [I Peter 2:11-25](#).

Because we are “strangers” inside this “Time, Space, Matter Continuum”, **does not mean we have to think as a “natural man”** does, and we do not have to of all men be most miserable” ([I Corinthians 15:19](#)), who only consider the “here and now”. No, we do not have to go that way, we can stay “in Christ” and become a “new creature”, with the old passed away, and the new creature manifested. ([II Corinthians 5:17](#)) If we decide to travel from faith to faith, instead of following the dictates of the world, we are experiencing the “perfect Law of Liberty”, not bondage. ([James 1:25, 2:12](#)) But if we follow the ways of the natural man, we are “doing wrong” and sin lieth at the door. ([Genesis 4:7, Romans 6.16](#)) Remember Cain? Yes, we need to “see” everything just exactly as God sees them. If we do not, we are entertaining sin, with the same consequences that Cain suffered, and for the very same reason. God is the Righteous judge, and the righteous desire of His righteous people, is the same desire He has. The Righteous only desire good, but the expectation of the wicked is wrath. ([II Timothy 4:8, Proverbs 11.23](#)).

This same righteousness is also of prime importance in handling Scripture. The Lord told us to be a “workman studying the Scripture”; and when we are “rightly dividing the Word of Truth”, we will not be ashamed at the resurrection. ([II Timothy 2:15-19](#)) Did you notice God takes this thought, from the very moment the person is studying, and brings it out to the Resurrection? This is how God “sees”. We need to study Scripture with the same “Pike’s Peak view that God “saw”. Remember the Holy Ghost teaches:

[I Corinthians 2:13](#) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; **comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

I. The cause of the Flood – (See [II Thessalonians 2:8-10](#) For correct pronoun/antecedent interpretation) **Genesis 6:1** And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

([Genesis 6:2; 6:4; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7](#) See interpretation of “sons of God”)

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and **they** took them wives of all which they chose.

[[Luke 6:26-39](#) ([Mark 5, Matt 8](#)) – To see how fallen angels (demons) control sinful men]

Genesis 6:3 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. (LORD prophesying through Lemech-120 years till Flood)

Genesis 6:4 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.

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A. And God Saw - First mention is in the fourth Word and it is God that "Saw"

Genesis 1:4 And God **saw** the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God **saw** that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God **saw** that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God **saw** that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:31 And God **saw** every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

B. Another use of "saw" - perverted use of "saw" (Sin enticed by Satan)

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman **saw** that the tree *was* good for food, and that *it was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

C. And again someone "saw" – Again not a godly "saw"

Genesis 6:2 That the sons of God **saw** the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. (Men took wives, sons of God inhabited (possessed) the men [Luke 6](#))

D. And God "Saw" – When God looks down on His good creation, He sees it has become wicked

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E. God's "reaction" to what He "saw" – The 1st mention of "Repent" and it is God that "Repents"

Genesis 6:6 And it **repented the LORD** that he had made man on the earth, and it **grieved him at his heart**.

II. Prior to interpretation, we need to review the Fall of man – Remember the First Prophecy

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

A. Prophecy concerns the 2 genealogies from Adam that will develop, both literal and figurative

1. Seed of the woman – Line through Seth from which the Messiah will appear
2. The seed of the serpent – line through Cain from which the antichrist will be manifested

B. We saw the contrast in the seventh generation from Adam

1. 7th from Seth – Enoch walked with God and was translated
2. 7th from Cain – Lamech broke the teaching from family and committed polygamy
 - a. Lamech killed a man for wounding him
 - b. Bragged to his wives about it twisting Scripture

C. By the 10th Generation we read there is no regard for God at all in either line

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The LORD “said” - And God “saw” - It “repented” the LORD – It “grieved” Him
 (“anthropomorphisms” and “anthropopathisms”, as God has foresight)

III. Why Did God “Repent” – God had the salvation plan before Creation ([Revelation 13:8](#))

A. Hermeneutic terms - Interpret “literal” or “figurative” – Again, the answer is in the context

[John 10:7](#) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

1. The rule is you interpret literally word for word – In this case Jesus has no door hinges
2. It must be interpreted metaphorically – but **only in context** – Scripture interprets Scripture
3. So, what is the context:

a. Jesus had just given a parable concerning the sheepfold, ([John 10](#)) and then:

[John 10:8](#) All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

[John 10:9](#) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

[John 10:10](#) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

[John 10:11](#) I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

- b. The figurative meaning is given by the context is “door” is used metaphorically
- c. Jesus is the metaphorical “door” of salvation
- d. Or better defined as the mediator between God and man ([1 Timothy 2:5](#))
- e. Jesus is also the Good Shepherd who gives His life for His sheep (Those that walk with Him)

4. Anthropomorphism and anthropopathism – To help humans understand spiritual things

- a. Anthropomorphism – Attributing “human body parts” to God (hand of God)
- b. Anthropopathism – Attributing “human emotions to God” (Repent, worry, etc.)

B. With foreknowledge, God knew what He was about to do.

1. God is going to destroy the world and start over with Noah’s three sons
2. God in His Word uses the anthropopathism “repent” for our understanding
3. This same Jesus had done this sort of thing before:
4. Just before the miracle of feeding the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish, Jesus says to Phillip:

[John 6:5](#) When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

[John 6:6](#) And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

C. It also “grieved” the LORD, another anthropopathism – does it help you interpret? ([Genesis 6:6](#))

D. The LORD had the savior picked out, Noah, who found grace in the eyes of the Lord

E. But then, The LORD had the Savior of the world appointed before the foundation of the world

F. This was His Only begotten Son, whom He appointed heir of all things ([John 3:16](#), [Psalm 2:6-7](#))

F. The LORD created the heaven and the earth anticipating the flood as He created the firmament

G. God was grieved because of two primary things: ([Genesis 6:5](#))

1. Wickedness of man was great
2. Every imagination of the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually

H. Can you imagine God’s “grief” as He “Saw” His good creation turn evil? Both “seeds”

I. The metaphorical “seed” is not important - only a “symbol” of the real thing found in context

J. We see this later in the Abrahamic Covenant:

Genesis 13:16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

Genesis 13:17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 13:18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

1. Beside the fact that Abraham had no seed at this time, God was preaching Him the Gospel:
2. Abraham's offspring was only a symbol of the Real Deal:

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Galatians 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Galatians 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain.

Galatians 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**

Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying,** In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Galatians 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. **He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.**

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, *that* the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Galatians 3:18 For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, **till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;** and *it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Galatians 3:20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

Galatians 3:21 *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Galatians 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are **no longer under** a schoolmaster.

IV. I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth

Genesis 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

A. Noah's Walk with God

Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Genesis 6:9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* **Noah walked with God.**

Genesis 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

B. The Rest of the inhabitants of the earth were corrupt

Genesis 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Genesis 6:12 And God **looked upon the earth**, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

C. And God said unto Noah

Genesis 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Genesis 6:14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

Genesis 6:15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

Genesis 6:16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

Genesis 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

Genesis 6:18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 6:19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

Genesis 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

Genesis 6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

D. Noah's righteousness vindicated

Genesis 6:22 **Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.**

This is walking with God!

The teaching of [Romans 3](#) and 4 along with [James 2](#) in Genesis