



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

NOVEMBER 1ST / JUSTICE AND MERCY / GENESIS 6:5-8; 8:20-22

**The world is saved by those who choose to stand
in the gap against evil and for God.**

The biblical flood, which takes up four chapters in the book of Genesis, is an act of judgment against human wickedness and sin. Yet it is through this judgment that God helps save the world, show his heart, and give its people a second chance.

READ GENESIS 6:5-13; 8:20-22; 9:1-7.

1. What most surprises you in a fresh reading of this well-known Biblical narrative?
2. How might this act of judgment also be an act of mercy (Genesis 6:11-12; 9:1)?
3. Who has a permanent change of heart as a consequence of this judgment (Genesis 8:21; 6:5)? (see Isaiah 54:9-10)
4. What picture of God does a careful reading of this full account portray?
5. How does Noah's choice of faithfulness to God compare to ours today (Genesis 6:9-11)? (see Matthew 24:37)
6. In what way might God be calling you to stand in the gap against evil today?

GOD, HELP ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO SERVE YOU IN A WORLD THAT HAS LOST FAITH AND HOPE.