

## **Difficult Decisions: When You Are Surrounded By Wickedness**

### **Gen. 6:5-9**

#### **Introduction:**

- A. None of us would argue that we are living in tumultuous times. Every day we are reminded of the wicked world around us. EX: look at the violence; how people treat their fellow man; the rejoicing of evil and mourning of that which is good.
- B. There is no doubt we are living in the midst of a very evil and wicked generation.
- C. As Christians, what are we to do when we find ourselves living in such a wicked and godless environment? What should our response be to living in such tumultuous times?

#### **A Call to Transformation**

- A. In spite of the wickedness we find ourselves immersed in, God calls us to be set apart and to live differently than the world (Rom. 12:1-2). We are not to pattern ourselves after the world.
- B. God called Israel to be different than all the nations around them (Lev. 18:1-5).
- C. Many people think because they live in the world they have to become like the world.

#### **A Life of Faithfulness**

- A. In Noah's day, the wickedness of man was so great that every thought and intention of their heart was evil continually (Gen. 6:5, 11).
- B. The wickedness was so great that God decided He would destroy mankind and start over (Gen. 6:6-7).
- C. In the midst of such wickedness there was one man who was faithful and not influenced to conform by the wickedness around him, Noah (Gen. 6:8-9). Noah was righteous, blameless and walked with God.

#### **When Surrounded by Wickedness Remember:**

- A. Sin is sin no matter what people might say or think (Rom. 12:9; Isa. 5:20).
- B. There is never a good reason to disobey God (Jn. 14:15; Lk. 6:46).
- C. We must always be willing to share the Word of God (2 Pet. 2:5; Matt. 28:18-20).

#### **Conclusion:**

- A. The way of the world may be easier or more popular, but that doesn't make it right (Matt. 7:13-14).
- B. Although he lived in the midst of severe ungodliness, Noah remained a righteous and faithful man.
- C. May we learn from his example to be obedient to God even in the midst of living in an ungodly world!