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The Lord Was Grieved
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

In **Psalm 14:1-3**, we read —

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy - *that means corrupt* - there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

You know, also in **Romans 3:23**, we read -

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

You see, with this black background, we all deserve the judgment of God. I am thinking these days upon Noah. That is the world in Noah's day, but it is also the world in our day. But the exciting news of the Gospel in **Romans 6:23** —

23 For the wages of sin is death . . . “Well,” you say, “that is not exciting!” Yes, but it goes on - . . . **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Going back to **Genesis 6**, where I was speaking from yesterday,

there is this incredible little **verse**

8 Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. You say, “What is this thing called **grace?**” Well, we are not under the law. Grace is God’s unmerited favor poured out upon us. So, today - yes, amazingly — through a personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we who deserve judgment are forgiven and delivered because He bore our judgment on the Cross.

We read in that **chapter 6 of Genesis** -

6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth . . . In other words, God was grieved at what mankind had become. You know, when you consider God, the Creator, and read those opening chapters of **Genesis**, you see God created man; God created everything in the world. And here mankind had rebelled and gone his sinful way, **and it grieved him.** God grieves at the necessity of man exercising his judgment when He knows their wickedness requires His judgment. God is not pleased to have to judge a situation. But, you see, it is necessary because He is holy; He cannot look upon sin; He cannot look upon what you and I thought we could get away with. And in fact, it could be in this very passage why He grieved at making mankind. He grieved because He realized what was necessary in judgment, what He had to do.

You know, an example of this is in **1 Samuel 15:11**- Saul’s failure

as a king. You know, “Oh, we have to have a king like everybody else; we are not going to be ruled by God; we want to be like all the other nations,” Israel said. So, He gave them the best that there was, but Saul failed. We read in that very portion what God said -

11 I greatly regret I have set up Saul as king: for he hath turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments.

God is comforted in His grief in that His righteousness and His holy character will be vindicated by the judgment He will bring upon a society that deserves to be punished.

But, you see, in **Lamentations 3** -

31 For the Lord will not cast off forever.

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men. He is broken-hearted. He is looking upon a world situation. He is not happy that the judgment is coming any day, but it must be because Jesus has been judged on our behalf. If we are saying No to Him and rebelling against Him, then it is necessary for this to follow.

Ezekiel 18:23 and 32 says -

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that died, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn, and live.

You say, “How do I *turn and live*?” We read in **Genesis 6** —

9 . . . **Noah was a just man. . .** - *that means he was justified by faith.* Noah had no inherited righteousness of his own.

In fact, in **Romans 4**, we read that righteousness is imputed to those who believe.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his *faith is counted for righteousness.*

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. *-but is justified by faith.*

You see, you and I can be **made free from sin.** We are told this in **Romans 6:22** - . . . **and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and life everlasting to God.** In other words, it is all by receiving Christ. Will you say Yes to Him right now, that it is not going to be the explanation of your life and your work; you are going to turn to Him? Oh, that judgment day is coming, as in the day of Noah. It will not be a flood, but it is coming soon and the Word says to come to Jesus today.

God bless.

