

The Dispensation of Conscience

The antediluvian righteous and unrighteous

I. The righteous—Enoch, “initiated” (Gen. 5:21-24).

1. He believed that there was a God and searched for Him (Heb. 11:6; *cf.* Rom. 3:11).
2. He was a prophet, rewarded with revelation (Heb. 11:6; Jude 14).
3. He had a witness regarding his revelation of judgment (Heb. 11:5; Gen. 5:21; Jude 14-15).
4. Methuselah, “*man of the dart*”, “*having died it comes*”.
5. He did not “see” the process of death (Heb. 11:5).
6. Noah, “*rest*” walked with God (Gen. 6:9).

II. The unrighteous—most.

1. After Genesis 5:5, ‘Adam’ means “*mankind*” (Gen. 6:1-7).
 - 1) Daughters born to “them”, mankind, not a new concept.
 - 2) Includes all mankind, not a specific line.
2. The “sons of God” were fallen angels (2 Pet. 2:46; Jude 6-7; *cf.* Mt. 22:28, 30).
 - 1) No human is called a son of God in the Old Testament (*cf.* Is. 43:6; Hosea 1:10; Lu. 3:38).
 - 2) Spirit beings, including Satan are called sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Ps. 89:6, *cf.* Eph. 3:15; Is. 66:1).
3. The offspring of these sons of God and the daughters of men are the reason for the impending universal judgment (Gen. 6:1-7).
 - 1) The progeny were giants—“*fallen ones*”.
 - 2) They had changed procreation (Gen. 6:12).
 - 3) The progeny, prized by mankind, were an insult to creation and the Creator (Gen. 6:5; .
4. The animal kingdom was polluted as well (Gen. 7:21-23).
5. Only Noah’s line was pure genetically (Gen. 6:9).

III. Verses for further study:

Gen. 15:30; Num. 13; Duet. 2:9-12, 20-23; 3:4, 13; Joshua 12:4; 13:12; 15:8; 17:15; 18:16; 2 Sam. 5:18, 22; 23:13; 1 Chon. 20:4-8; Job 26:5; Ps. 88:11-13; Prov. 2:18-19; 9:18; 21:16; Is. 14:9; **26:13-14, 19***).