

WHEN GIANTS WALKED THE EARTH

About the Series: The first 11 chapters of Genesis are foundational to the Christian worldview. But when we read accounts that have similarities to myths and works of fiction, it makes one wonder if the Genesis account is really true or not. This series looks into these chapters to see what the Bible actually says and teaches, and explores the relevancy of its message for us today.

Part 5

A Spiritual Awakening

Genesis 5:1–6:8 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Watch ▶

DISCUSS

There might come a time in your life when you will come to a crossroad, and in that spiritual moment you will have to make a decision: How should I be living my life? You may realize that the life you are living and have lived isn't purposeful nor satisfying, and it makes you feel very guilty and that you need to change. That is a spiritual awakening. Read Genesis 5:1–6:8 and discuss the following four truths that should spiritually wake us up to live changed lives for the Lord.

1. **Every one of us will die. Are you ready when the time comes (v. 5:1-20)?**

- What does it tell you that no matter how long the people lived in the pre-flood time, everyone died?
- How should the truth that you will also die one day affect how you live your life now? Whether death comes unexpectedly or not, how are you preparing yourself for the time that you will leave this earth?
- Are you at peace that God determines how long you should live in this world? Why or why not?

2. **Your walk with God and how you desire to live for Him are what is most important (v. 5:21-32).**

- What changing event happened to Enoch that sparked a spiritual awakening for him?
- What does it mean to “walk with God?” How are you modeling Christlikeness to your family and people in your circles of influence?
- Why didn't Enoch experience death (Hebrews 11:5)? What is the difference between walking with God and pleasing God?
- Enoch walked the talk, and so he could talk. When you tell others about repenting, do you also live a repentant life? When you talk about forgiving others, do you also live a life of forgiveness? When you talk about love, do you live a life of love? When you talk about grace, do you live a life of grace?

3. **Sin and wickedness grieves the heart of God and hurts Him deeply (v. 6:1-6).**

- What happened in verses 1-4 that tell us that the earth was becoming more sinful and wicked, and death was the consequence? What grieved God and greatly saddened Him (v.5)?
- How do you think God feels when you sin? How do you feel when you break God's heart?
- If you know that sin breaks the heart of God, will you hate sin even more because you love God so much and desire to live for him?

4. **God's grace is the only hope for mankind (v. 6:7-8)?**

- Why would God destroy those whom He had created? Who found grace in the eyes of the Lord?
- What is God's grace? Why would His grace be the only hope for mankind?
- Share how God's grace is evident in your life.

REFLECT

The generation today looks very much like the generation described in Genesis chapters 5 and 6, and so those of us who know Christ should really live differently. How are you walking with God knowing that one of these days, you will certainly die? Are you affected that when you sin, you grieve the heart of God and hurt Him deeply? Is God's grace real in your life?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, it is sobering to know that I grieve You when I sin. Please help me to have the desire to live a holy life. Thank You for the example of Enoch who walked closely and faithfully with You. Thank You that it is possible because of Your grace. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.