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Devotion for March 7th, 2022

"The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart."

- Genesis 6:5-6

These two verses are taken from a place in the Holy Bible just prior to the account of Noah and the flood. It gives us a peek into God's heart and the effect the sins of the world have on Him. God is just and is without sin and made mankind without sin. He loves mankind as He is love. It must grieve Him greatly to see all of the evil in His creation.

At the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, He could have easily started over, couldn't He? He didn't because of love. In the time of Noah, evil was out of control. All of the men that were in positions of authority were corrupt, all of mankind was corrupt except Noah. All positions of authority are God's and so are those who hold those positions.

They answer to Him. They would be the "giants" of men. Today we might call them the "giants of industry" or something like that, depending on what they do. The "giants" were then and are now those holding positions of authority in the world. They are those that have God-given attributes and abilities that help them rise to the positions they hold. God did not spare them in the time of Noah or anyone that had turned away from Him. The Lord spared Noah because he trusted in Him and the Lord also spared his family. Why? Out of love.

So, is there wide-spread evil in the world today? Yep! Is the evil on a scale far beyond what was even possible in the time of Noah? Yep! Are all of our "giants" corrupt and have they all turned away from the Lord? Nope! Have all of mankind turned away from the Lord? Nope!

So, you see, even though there is wide-spread evil in the world, things are not anywhere near as bad as they were in the time of Noah. Not all of the world's leaders or giants are corrupt and there are millions of people in the world that love and trust in God.

All these trust in God because God, out of love, sent His only Son,

the Word of God made flesh, into the world.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." ([John 3:16](#))

God could have started over anytime if He wanted to and He still can,
but He hasn't. **God is love!**

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