

**Heartbroken because of humankind's wickedness!
Sorry I ever made people and plan to destroy every
living thing**

Bible passage

Genesis 6: 5-8 *God is grieved*

7 So the LORD said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created from the face of the earth - men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds in the air - for I am grieved that I have made them.'

⁸ But Noah found favor in the Eyes of the Lord. (NIV)

Devotion

Shortly after God created everything good, the Bible tells us of humankind's failure - Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit and Cain killed his brother, Abel. Humankind's sins cause God tremendous pain because God loves them. The word "grieved" in this passage literally means that His heart was filled with pain. The same Hebrew word for "grief" is used in Genesis 3:16 to describe the pain women have to endure during childbirth, and in Genesis 3:17 to describe men's toil to earn a living. By deliberately using the same word, the Bible says something remarkable: Our pain has spilled over to God. God is therefore not detached from what happens to us.

Because God is disappointed, God plans to wipe out humankind and even the animals from the face of the earth. But then something impressive happens, as the word "but" in verse 8 indicates:

God changes his mind. God's love for humans is always stronger than His wrath. Isn't that comforting to know - especially when we mess up?

Prayer

Thank you that the will of God will never take me to where the grace of
God will not protect me.

Today's Quote

There but for the grace of God go I.

- Author unknown

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