



Title: Preservation

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Synopsis: Imagine you've just spent weeks painting a picture and then you finally step back to look at it and realize it's no good. You rip it off the easel and throw it a way before anyone else can see it. But at the same time you are angry and disheartened because you invested so much time and energy into it. The same could be said of a failed business, failed marriage or anything else that we may have a high level of investment in time, energy and emotion. It hurts to start all over again.

Is it possible that God felt the same way after determining to destroy his own creation? Does God feel sadness? Does he get disheartened? Does he only feel anger? Although it is difficult to fully understand the emotional composition of an infinite God, still, we are created in his image and what we feel is similar to what God feels.

The Bible says that God was sorry he ever made man. And why wouldn't he. What God had created and declared very good, was now completely marred by sin. The combination of extraordinary life spans and the commingling of fallen angels had left humanity in a complete state of rebellion.

But God doesn't start all over. He doesn't throw the entire painting away. Noah and his family find grace in the eyes of the Lord. Eight people, for whom God designs an ark to preserve them and the creatures of the earth from the terrible flood that will destroy all other people and animals. You can almost sense the heaviness of God's heart as he lovingly shuts the door of the ark on eight people who alone are the remnant of God's most remarkable creation. Man.