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Sin's "Firsts" in Genesis

- The first disobedience
- The first blaming
- The first murder
- The first lie
- The first polygamy
- The first act of personal vengeance

The Damage Sin Does

- Sin spoils – In the Creation God looked at the world, including humanity, and said, "This is good!"
- Sin spreads – Sin goes from one man and one woman to being the defining problem of every person.
- Sin separates – Sin drives wedges between people and between God and us.

The Expressions of Sin in the Days of Noah

- Total disregard for God's design for marriage
- World-wide outward wickedness
- Internal thoughts dominated by evil that led to even greater sins
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The Emotional Responses of God to the Sin He Saw

- Regret
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- Judgment
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The Lord's Response to Noah and to Us

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John Piper, "God did not choose holy people to be holy. He chose wicked people to be holy."

Walter Chantry - Men are not sinners because they choose to sin; they choose to sin because they are sinners.

Michael Lawrence - Fundamentally, sin is a matter of our hearts, for as fallen creatures our ruling desire is to remove God from His throne and to sit there instead.

Here is my problem: "Our minds have been darkened by sin and our desires bound by the wicked impulses. But we can still think, choose and act. Yet something terrible has happened to us. We have lost all desire for God. The thoughts and desires of our heart are only evil continuously. The freedom of our will is a curse. Because we can still choose according to our desires, we choose to sin and thus we become accountable to the judgment of God." – R.C. Sproul

Keith & Kristen Getty
What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
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