

A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Wicked – Week 6

SERMON SUMMARY

In Genesis 6:5 we read - "The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human **heart** was only evil all the time." This is not a one off idea in the Bible but a consistent theme echoed by the prophets, Jesus and Paul, especially in Romans 1. We should reflect on our own heart and the shadows that exist there. It is important to guard your heart.

KEY VERSES

Genesis 6:5-6

Proverbs 4:23

Mark 12:28-32

SERMON NOTES

LINK

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is the Bible referring to when it talks about the human "heart"? How would you define the human heart in one sentence?
2. Read Genesis 6:5. When God looked at the situation, he saw "that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time." This seems like a dismal view of humanity. Do you think it's accurate? Why or why not?
3. "So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart." Gen. 6:6 NLT. What do you make of God's heart response to sin?
4. Read Romans 1:18-22. In these verses we see the problem of evil hearts was not just in Genesis. This is the human condition throughout time. Jesus confirms this in Mark 7:21-23. What do you think about this?
5. Read Proverbs 4:23. In this verse we are told to "guard" our heart. What does this look like practically? Can you think of a recent example where you had to guard your heart?
6. Read Ezekiel 11:17-20. Do you feel like you have a new heart? Why or why not?
7. Read Mark 12:28-32. How has God helped you love Him and others with all your heart?

PRAYER

For your prayer time, consider this question – "How's my heart?" Is my heart worried, distracted, cold, or is it filled with peace, focused on God and aflame with his Spirit? Thank God for giving you a new heart in Jesus. Ask him to help you guard your heart, to love God and others with all your heart.