

God's Grace on the Unsaved

Matt. 5:45

Cain

From Gen. 4:6-7, there is an inference by God to instructions on how to do an offering well. When Cain chose not to follow those instructions and God did not accept his offering, God still showed grace to Cain by illuminating him in conversation.

Then later, after Cain killed Abel and received a curse from God, but God still showed Cain grace by putting a mark of protection on him so all would know a sevenfold judgment would fall on any who dared to slay Cain.

Noah's Generation

From Gen. 6; Luke 17:26-27; and 2 Pet. 2:5 we see an utterly evil generation that was shown God's grace through the preaching of righteousness by Noah, but ignored and rejected it up to the day the door of the Ark was shut.

King Nimrod and the People of Babel

From Gen. 10:8-11, Ham's grandson Nimrod founded four cities in the land of Shinar, one of which was Babel. It is believed Nimrod built the high tower in Babel. In Gen. 11, the people of Babel swelled with pride and might. They were enthralled with their tower and what they could do when they were united as one.

The Lord saw their pride but showed grace to them by not destroying them. Rather, He kept them alive by creating different languages among them, thus like-speaking groups assembled and scattered throughout the world.

Sodom & Gomorrah

From Gen. 13, 18, and 19, when Lot moved into Sodom, he, his wife, and his two daughters were the only righteous ones in the city. The Lord showed His grace to Abraham by promising that if He found just ten righteous in the city He would spare it.

Israel/Joseph bring God's grace and blessing to pagans from many lands during a 7 year drought.

God's grace is shown to foreigners in Canaan when Israel arrived to destroy all its inhabitants. Israel spared the foreigners who were kind and helpful to them.