

As you begin to study today please take a moment to pray that God would show you the breadth and length and height and depth of His covenantal love. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

The second covenant that we are going to explore is **God's Covenant with Noah**. Today we are going to read over the passages that relate to the Noahic covenant (also known as the Covenant of Preservation) and make some foundational observations.

Read Genesis 6-9:17. Let's make some general observations about these four chapters.

- Who are the people involved in this scene?

Read Genesis 6:5-8.

- Describe the culture of the people.
- What is God's disposition toward his creation?
- How did God act?
- How does God deal differently with Noah?

Look up the Hebrew word for *favor* found in 6:8. (Reminder: Use your commentary or www.biblestudytools.com)

- What does it mean?

Read Genesis 6:9-22.

- What is God's response to the wickedness of the world?
- What does God ask Noah to do?

- How does Noah respond?

Read Genesis 17:7-24.

- How long does the flood last?
- What is the result?

Read Genesis 8:13-17.

- When the flood subsides what does God say to Noah?
- How is this familiar?

Read Genesis 8:20-22.

- What does Noah do when he leaves the ark?
- How does God respond?
- What is God's assessment of the hearts of men after the flood?

Read Genesis 9:11-17.

- What sign does God give for this covenant?
- In conclusion, write down what you have learned today along with any questions you have at this point.

Living in Covenant with God

Lesson Three: God's Covenant with Noah

Day 2

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Today we are going to look at the **character** of God's covenant with Noah. To review the explanation of character of covenants review day 3 of our introductory lesson.

Remember, a covenant is a relationship that is plural, personal and purposeful. Let's look at Genesis 6-9 to see if these elements exist.

- Is this bond between God and Noah administered by God?
 - Where do you see this?

- What is the significance of God initiating a bond with Noah?

Read Genesis 6:18-19, 8:21 & 9:9-10.

- Is this covenant between God and Noah alone, or do other's benefit from it?

Read Genesis 7:16

- How does God act personally in this covenant?

- What does this reveal about God?

Read Genesis 8:20-9:11

- What purposes established in creation does God reaffirm in his covenant with Noah?
- What is the purpose of the Covenant that God makes with Noah?
(Hint: this covenant is also called the “Covenant of Preservation”)
- Does this purpose persist today? If so, how? If not, why not?

“The covenant with Noah binds together God’s purposes in creation with his purposes in redemption.”
(O. Palmer Robertson)

- How is this so?
- In closing, consider the grace or favor that was shown to Noah. Is there any indication that he deserved God initiating a covenant with him?

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Today we are going to look at the **conduct** of God's covenant with Noah. To review the explanation of conduct of covenants review day 4 of our introductory lesson.

Remember that all covenants have parties, conditions and consequences. These three components make up the conduct of a covenant.

Who are the parties involved in God's covenant with Noah?

- Does this covenant affect just Noah alone? Why or why not?

- What conditions does God give? What are the rules that God establishes?

- What did Noah have to do in order to meet the conditions of the covenant?

- What is the blessing for obedience?

- What is the curse for disobedience?

Read Genesis 9:12-17.

- What is the purpose of the sign of the covenant?
(Remember that a sign is something given to identify the participants within the covenant and to remind them of their bond.)

Read Revelation 4:3.

- What is the significance of a rainbow surrounding God's throne?
(Hint: believers will find there the same thing Noah found in the flood)
- Did Noah meet the conditions of the covenant? Why or why not?
- How is grace foundational to God's covenant with Noah?

Read Genesis 8:20-22.

- What endures in this covenant today?
- Look back over what you have studied so far this week. In your own words, write an explanation of God's covenant with Noah.

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Today we are going to study Christ in the Covenant with Noah.

Read Genesis 8:20-22.

- In verse 20 what does Noah offer to the LORD?
- What is the LORD's response?
- Had the condition of man's heart changed?
- What was the foundation of this covenant?

Read Ephesians 5:2 and fill in the blanks.

"And walk in love, as _____ loved us and gave _____ up for us, a _____
_____ and _____ to God."

- What similarities exist between Genesis 8:20-22 and Ephesians 5:2?

Read the following quote from A.W. Pink.

"In the sacrifice of Christ, God Himself found that which was 'a sweet savour,' with which he was well pleased, that which not only met every requirement of this righteousness and holiness, but also which satisfied His heart."

Noah is a prototype of Christ in 4 ways. Read the following sets of verses and determine how Noah's life and story points to Christ.

1. Genesis 5:29 & Matthew 11:28

2. Genesis 8:21 & Ephesians 5:2

3. Genesis 9:2 & Hebrews 2:1

Finally, how the following commission, given to Noah and his descendants, correlate to Christ's commission for his descendants?

4. Genesis 9:7 & Matthew 28:18-20

Read Isaiah 54:5-10.

- What does God's covenant with Noah reveal about his covenant love for us through Christ?

As you begin to study today please take a moment to pray that the Word would be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. (Psalm 119:105-106)

Today we are going to spend our time reviewing what we have learned and exploring how it applies to our lives.

- In the Noahic covenant, what did God promise to Noah?

- What was Noah's responsibility under this covenant?

- Is this a covenant of works or grace?

- According to the passages that we studied this week, how does God feel about sin?
 - What is the penalty of sin?

 - How is that punishment executed in Noah's time?

Read Romans 6:23 & Hebrews 11:7.

- Is the gospel of salvation by grace through faith applicable to those who lived before Christ's incarnation? Explain.

- How do you see grace in this covenant?

We learned in day 1 of our study that the rainbow is the sign that God gives for this covenant. The rainbow is a constant reminder for God's people of *grace in judgment*.

- How did God's chosen see *grace in judgment* in Noah's time?
- How do we see it today?
- What purposes did God reveal in this covenant?
- With whom did God make this covenant? Was it only Noah?

Read Genesis 8:20-22, Matthew 5:45b & Acts 14:16-17.

- Is there grace given in all three of these passages?
- Is this saving grace?
- What kind of grace is this? (Hint: everyone benefits from this grace)
- How is Christ portrayed in God's covenant with Noah?
- In closing our lesson today, take a few moments to thank God for all of the blessings that we have under the Noahic covenant through Jesus Christ.