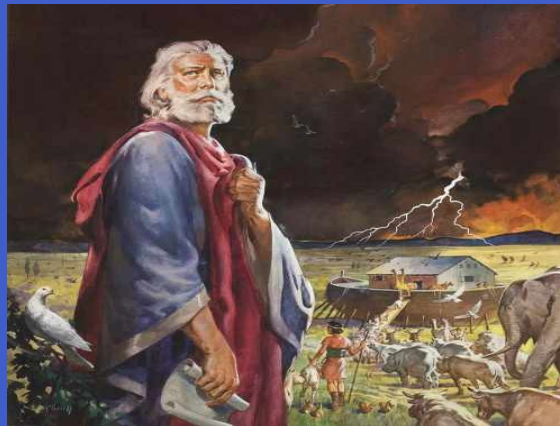


The Old Testament Book of Genesis!

The Text:
Genesis 9:1-17!



The Sermon Title:

The History of Noah Ends!

The Introduction!

This morning we continue our journey through the Old Testament narrative of the book of Genesis. Remember, a narrative is a story that builds on the information already developed in the previous chapters. This morning we begin chapter nine!



Genesis is the Book of Beginnings!

Time

Sin

Heavens

Separation

Earth

False Religion

Life

Judgment

Mankind

Grace

Marriage

Salvation

Etc.

Let's Review The Context!

Chapter 1: The CREATOR!

Chapter 2: The CONCLUSION!

Chapter 3: The CURSE!

At the end of chapter three it appears that all has been lost. That man's sin and disobedience against God, has separated him eternally from the intimate and personal relationship he once enjoyed while living in the garden.

And we are left to conclude that the sin of man has overwhelmed and replaced the grace of God. And in the sections that follow, it appears that there is no future hope. For we are continually bombarded by man's constant rebellion against God.

Let's Review The Context!

Chapters 4 & 5: The CONTRAST!

1. (Chapter 4) Cain's FALSE RELIGION:

*Built of a Human Scheme – Man's Way to God!
Based on a Human Sacrifice – Man's Works!
Byproduct of Human Satisfaction – Man's Pride!*

2. (Chapter 5) Seth / FUTURE RELATIONSHIP:

*We were Reminded of God's Past Relationship with Man!
We were Given a Reminder of Seth's Relationship with Adam!
We were Given a Glimpse of the Revealing of the Messiah!*

Let's Review The Context!

Chapters 6 - 9: The CATASTROPHE!

In these Chapters we Rediscovered the Sovereignty of God!

- 1. (Chapter 6) A World Fast Ripening for Judgment!***
- 2. (Chapter 7) A World Finally Relinquished for Judgment!***
- 3. (Chapters 8-9) A World Freshly Recovering from Judgment!***

Chapter 10: The COALITION!



The Top Ten Reasons for God Creating Eve!

1. God knew that Adam would frequently get lost in the garden because he would refuse to ask for directions.
2. God knew that one day Adam would need someone to locate and hand him the remote.
3. God knew that Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when the old one was worn out.
4. God knew that Adam was unable to make a doctor, dentist, or haircut appointment for himself.
5. God knew that Adam would never remember which night the garbage was to be put out.

The Top Ten Reasons for God Creating Eve!

6. God knew that if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
7. As the keeper of the Garden, since metal sheds and greenhouses were not yet invented, Adam would never be able to remember where he left his tools.
8. Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the Garden.
9. As the Bible clearly says, “It is not good for man to be alone.”
10. When God finished creating Adam, He stepped back, took a good long hard look, scratched His head and said, “I know I can do better than that!”

This Morning We Turn From:

- I. (7:1-9) The **DELIVERANCE** of the Godly.
- II. (7:10-24) The **DESTRUCTION** of the Ungodly.
- III. (8:1-22) The **DETAILS** of God's Abundant Grace.
- IV. (9:1-29) The **DIRECTIONS** given to Noah.

In **chapter seven** we find God commanding Noah and his family to enter the ark. In **chapter eight**, we find God calling for Noah and his family to abandon the ark. This morning, in **chapter nine**, our attention turns to the concluding or final directions given to Noah before leaving the ark and returning to the land.

Our Sermon Outline!

IV. (9:1-29) The **DIRECTIONS** Given to Noah!

A. (8:15-9:17) Noah's **TRUSTING** in God.

1. (8:15-18) The Lord's **COMMAND** Given to Noah.

Then the Lord (Yahweh) spoke to Noah, saying, "Go out of the Ark, you and your wife, and your sons, and your son's wives, with you. Bring out with you every living thing ... and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

Our Sermon Outline!

A. (8:15-9:17) Noah's TRUSTING in God.

1. (8:15-19) The Lord's COMMAND Given to Noah.

2. (8:20-9:17) The Lord's COVENANT Given to Noah.

a. (8:20-22) God speaks Secretly (To Himself).

To show his gratitude for his protection through the storm, Noah built an altar to the Lord. After which he sacrificed one of each kind of the “clean” animals that was aboard the ark. As a result of the fragrant aroma produced from Noah’s sacrifice, The Lord said, “since man’s heart is evil from its conception, I will never again destroy the whole earth with water.

After the storm, comfort and assurance was needed. Just think about what man’s response would have been like the next time he saw the sky clouding up or felt the rain falling down.

Our Sermon Outline!

B. (8:20-9:17) The Lord's COVENANT Given to Noah.

a. (8:20-22) God speaks Secretly (To Himself).

b. (9:1-17) God speaks Sovereignly (To Noah).

HERE GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IS DISPLAYED BY MEANS OF THREE THINGS:

1st God blessed Noah and told him to be fruitful and multiply!
(Mankind is assured of a future)

2nd God reaffirms man's dominance over all life.
(Man is assured of protection)

3rd God permits man to utilize animals and vegetation for food.
(Man is assured of his daily provisions)

Our Sermon Outline!

- a. (8:20-22) God speaks Secretly (To Himself).
- b. (9:1-17) God speaks Sovereignly (To Noah).
 - 1.) (9:1-7) The General provisions of the covenant.
 - a.) (v.1) The Command is given by God.
 - b.) (v.2) The Commentary is explained by God.
 - c.) (vv.3-7) The Charge is detailed by God.
 - 1st (vv.3-4) Man's Diet – Vegetarianism has no biblical warrant. It should be noted that Jesus Himself ate meat. Even in His resurrected body (Luke 24:41 / James 4:17).

Our Sermon Outline!

1.) (9:1-7) The General provisions of the covenant.

c.) (vv.3-7) The Charge is detailed by God.

1st (vv.3-4) Man's Diet

2nd (vv.5-7) Man's Discipline – These verses are vital to all forms of human authority and government. They also should help the believer in the contemporary debate over the topic of capital punishment. Here are two conclusions that are dear to the heart of God:

1. (vv.5-6) *Human life is sacred / premeditated murder is evil.*

2. (v.7) *Human life is sacred / procreation is a blessing / good.*

NOTE:

It is often assumed that human government did not exist before the flood. Thus, the words “by man” are understood as meaning, “each and every man has the right to seek his own revenge.”

Such thinking is simply wrong. Remember it was Cain who first built a city, naming it after his first born son, Enoch (4:17). Even before the days of Noah, and the flood, cities (forms of human government) did exist. Thus this charge is directed to all forms of governmental authority and institutions that were set up to bring order among mankind.

Our Sermon Outline!

b. (9:1-17) God speaks Sovereignly (To Noah).

1.) (9:1-7) The General provisions of the covenant.

2.) (9:8-17) The Great provisions of the covenant.

a.) (vv.8-10) The Establishing of the covenant.

In these verses God establishes His covenant by reassuring Noah and his sons. Despite the gathering of clouds in the sky, and the dropping of rain from the sky, and perhaps occasional local flooding, God makes it clear that He would never again judge the earth by means of a universal flood.

Our Sermon Outline!

- 1.) (9:1-7) The General provisions of the covenant.
- 2.) (9:8-17) The Great provisions of the covenant.
 - b.) (v.11) The Extent of the covenant.

Since chapter 6, God has used the term “covenant” no less than 8 times. The repeated usage of the term indicates that God’s promise to man is most important (repetition is the teachers best friend). It should be noted that the covenant was not only given to Noah and his family, but to “all flesh” living on the ark and now on the earth.

Our Sermon Outline!

- 1.) (9:1-7) The General provisions of the covenant.
- 2.) (9:8-17) The Great provisions of the covenant.
- c.) (vv.12-17) The Evidence of the covenant.

The evidence (or sign) of God's covenant is the rainbow. Since the sign was both cosmic (soothing) and universal (given to all), it was placed high in the heavens for all to see.

It appeared after the rain fell to earth to remind all that God had not forgotten His promise to man.

Remember, before the time of the flood the world had never seen rain (cf. 2:5). And when it saw rain after the flood, it naturally caused panic.

Our Sermon Continues!

- A. (8:15-9:17) Noah's TRUSTING in God!
- B. (9:18-23) Noah's TOILING before Man!
- C. (9:24-29) Noah's TESTIMONY before All!



Application From Today's Lesson!

- 1. Today we find ourselves living in a world that is similar to Noah's day. A world that is described in II Timothy 3:1-5a (read passage). It has always been my opinion that the narcissistic and ultimate act of self-love is best seen in homosexuality. As Christians we must not be fooled. Homosexuality is and has always been an offense before God. So much so that homosexuals are warned that they will NOT inherit (or gain entrance) into the Kingdom of God.***

While the rainbow flag, sometimes called "the freedom flag," was popularized as a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender pride and diversity by San Francisco artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. The different colored flag should be to us (believers) a reminder of God's story of final judgment upon the sin and the sinner. It is also a reminder of God's grace given to all those who identify with Him. While it is disturbing to watch Gays waving their rainbow flag back and forth before us, we must remember that God has chosen to set His sign of grace and peace in the heavens high above. This is a reminder of His sovereignty and might.

Application From Today's Lesson!

- 2. A bow when held in the hand of men, is used to bring about war, death and destruction. But the bow set in the heavens above by the hand of God is a reminder of God's promise of a coming time of righteousness and peace. A time when man and God will once again walk together.***
- 3. As a result of today's growing population, which is caused by human birth, new medicines, and medical procedures and techniques, abortion and Euthanasia have become widely accepted. In fact these practices are supported by our laws and encouraged in our society (in China it is illegal to have more than two children). In this section we are reminded that having children and being part of a family is a blessing from God and not a curse upon man. God's command from the beginning was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.***