

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

God's Promises - Genesis 8:1-9:17 - "God's Merciful Promise & The Noahic Covenant"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Have you ever been in a season of life where you felt that you were waiting on the Lord for His intervention/direction?
What was the situation and how did you handle the time of waiting? (*Were you patient, fervent in prayer, discontented, etc.?*)
How did the Lord ultimately lead you through that season, and how did you discern His work and His leading through it?
Consider how Noah continued to seek (& even find) signs of the readiness of the earth, but waited for the Lord's Word:
Do you feel that you learn anything specific from His patience in the midst of the waiting?
3. What is the sign that God provides for Noah at the establishment of His covenant with him & all others who were on the ark?
How does this sign provide a hope/remembrance for US of God's goodness whenever we see it?
Look at God's action AND description of man in Genesis 8:21 - how does this show His incomparable mercy to all of humanity?
Consider the misuse of rainbow in secular society today; how does it confirm Gen 8:21 (human depravity & God's mercy)?
How is God specifically calling the Church as a whole, and you individually, to respond/engage with the culture?
4. When God commands Noah to leave the ark, what is Noah's first action after exiting & leading the animals from the ark? (*Gen. 8:20*)
How does this action in the immediate aftermath of God's deliverance through the Flood provide an example for us?
How does this communicate a humble acknowledgement of his sin, his gratitude to the Lord, & his worship of the Lord?
How can we respond in the same way - humility, thanksgiving, and worship in the midst of & aftermath of trials?
5. How does Noah's sacrifice (& all righteously carried out animal sacrifices) point to the future sacrifice of Jesus for our sins?
Remember Hebrews 11:7 - how does Noah share a common faith with us (i.e. the object of His faith being Jesus too)?
With this in mind, though we don't make the physical sacrifices of Noah, what are we to do as an offering to the Lord in faith?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. **God works on His timeline for His glory!**
Be patient & trust Him even in hard times!
 2. **God provides signs for all in His creation!**
As we see His signs, let's give Him thanks!
 3. **God's covenant is grounded in His mercy!**
We're undeserving beneficiaries of His plan!
 4. **This animal sacrifice foreshadows Christ's future sacrifice!**
All forgiveness/atonement is only in Jesus!