

# God's Covenant With Noah

Genesis 9:1-29

## Introduction

### I The Recommissioning Of Man

- A. God **blessed** Noah and his sons - Ps 144:15; Rom 4:6-8
- B. God commanded them:
  - 1. To be **fruitful** - Jn 15:8
  - 2. To increase - 2 Tim 2:2
  - 3. To **fill** the earth - Matt 28:18-20
- C. God put a **fear** and dread of man in all creatures
  - 1. He gave them into Noah's hands - Jer 27:5
- D. God granted man **permission** to eat meat - Jn 6:53-54
- E. God imposed one dietary restriction
  - 1. Man must not eat meat with the **blood** in it - Lev 17:11
  - 2. God will demand an accounting of:
    - a. Any animal that sheds man's blood - Ex 21:28
    - b. Any man that sheds man's blood - Lev 24:17-18
      - 1. Why? Because man is made in God's **image**

### II The Covenant Of God

- A. God covenant's to never **cut off** all life with a flood
  - 1. Never again will he destroy the earth with a flood
- B. God confirms this covenant with the sign of a **rainbow**
  - 1. Whenever clouds appear over the earth and a rainbow appears, God will **remember** His covenant with man
- C. God fulfills His plan through Noah's sons - Acts 17:25-27

### III The Sin Of Noah

- A. He **planted** a vineyard - James 1:13-15
- B. He drank wine and became **drunk** - Prov 20:1; 1 Cor 6:9-10
- C. He lay **uncovered** in his tent - Eph 5:18
- D. Ham saw Noah's nakedness
  - 1. He told his brothers outside - Prov 30:17
- E. Shem and Japheth **covered** Noah's nakedness
  - 1. They laid a **garment** across their shoulders - 1 Pet 4:8
  - 2. They walked in backward and covered Noah - Prov 17:9

- 3. They **turned** their faces from his nakedness - Matt 7:1-2

### IV The Pronouncements Of Noah

- A. Noah **cursed** Ham - Deut 27:16
  - 1. "The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers"
- B. Noah **blessed** the God of Shem and Japheth
  - 1. May Canaan be the slave of Shem
  - 2. May God **extend** the territory of Japheth - 1 Chron 4:10
  - 3. May Japheth live in the tents of Shem - Psalms 1:1-3

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. Share a recent example of God's blessing in your life.
- 2. God commanded Noah to be fruitful, increase and fill the earth. Read John 15:8, 2 Tim 2:2 and Mat 28:18-20. How do these verses reflect the same objectives? Are you fulfilling these commands? If not, what is preventing you from doing so?
- 3. Why is blood so considered so precious to God? [See Lev 17:11]. How does Gen 9:4-8 impact your view of 1) the death penalty and 2) abortion?
- 4. In Genesis chapters 6-8 we find that Noah was a remarkable man of faith and obedience (Heb 11:7). But then in Gen 9:18-21, we find him drunk and naked in his tent. Take a few moments and write down at least 5 lessons or principles you can glean from these two sides of Noah's character and life. How can you apply these truths to your life?
- 5. Contrast Ham's response to his father's folly with Shem and Japheth's response. How do you respond to others failings? How should you respond? [1 Pet 4:8; Prov 17:9; Gal 6:1-2]
- 6. Take a few moments to thank God for the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and for his many great and precious promises. Ask Him to give you a heart like Shem and Japheth, who delighted to promote love by covering over the sin of their father.

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