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Genesis: From Blood to Babel

Lesson Eighteen • Genesis 9:1-17
Living Under the Rainbow

The God of the Rainbow

Because God is faithful, we can live with ASSURANCE that God will remember to keep His promises.

"And I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you..."
Genesis 9:15

Living Under the Rainbow of God's Grace

1. God Revealed His Gracious COMMANDS for Creation!

God's Gracious Commands

- MULTIPLY human life to promote God's glory to the ends of the earth.

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." Genesis 9:1

"And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it." Genesis 9:7

- SUSTAIN human life with the provision to use animals as food.

"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood." Genesis 9:2-4

- PROTECT human life through the principle of capital punishment.

"Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man." Genesis 9:5-6

2. God Revealed His Gracious COVENANT to Creation!

God's Gracious Covenant

- The stipulation of the covenant: God promised never again to destroy the earth with a FLOOD.

Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: "And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." Genesis 9:8-11

- The sign of the covenant: God's RAINBOW seen in the clouds.

And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth." Genesis 9:12-17

God's Promise in the Cross

All who trust in JESUS CHRIST will find grace instead of wrath and have assurance of being delivered from the judgment of their sins.

He [Jesus] did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:12, 15 NIV

COMMUNION

Remembering God's Grace in Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!