

GENESIS IN THE BEGINNING...

4/28/24
Text:
Genesis
9:8-17

"The Covenant with Noah"

1. The covenant with creation (vs. 8-11).

[8] Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, [9] "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, [10] and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. [11] I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

The covenant with Noah is...

- Universal
- Unilateral
- Unconditional

2. The sign of the covenant (vs. 12-17).

[12] And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: [13] I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. [14] When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, [15] I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. [16] When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." [17] God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*Isaiah 28:21

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: Can people be neutral with respect to God? Why? What is the fundamental condition of human beings? What are the features and conditions of the covenant God made with Noah and his offspring? What does the rainbow signify? How is it now abused? In what ways does the sign of the rainbow provide comfort and assurance about God's promises? What does the inclusion of all living creatures in the covenant tell us about God's concern for His creation? How can we apply the principles from the Noahic covenant in our daily lives and spiritual practice? The next time you see a rainbow, how will you see it?

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