

Noah Thanks God

Genesis 8:20-9:17

Lesson Objective: Thankfulness: We should be thankful to God for all He does for us because He keeps His promises.

Introduction:

- A. Noah and the family finally make it out of the ark and Noah offers a freewill burnt offering. (8:20)
 - B. When we came to Christ, broken, tempest tossed, humbled and ground to dust, the Lord took us and saved us. Our thanksgiving heart burst in praises and our intentions were to remain faithful in everything forever. But... Thanks be to God for His enduring grace and love.
 - C. In this narrative of 8:20-9:17 Noah has a lot to be thankful for, from surviving on the ark, to the salvation of his family, from having a fresh start, to becoming the "second Adam," from expanding his menu to seeing God's invisible words of grace visible in the form of a rainbow.
- I. Thanksgiving altar (8:20)
 - A. "Count your blessings, name them one by one."
 - B. Noah exited the ark and immediately built an altar, took clean animals and, by example taught his boys and daughters-in-laws how to honor God in thanksgiving. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
 - C. God accepted the thanksgiving offering and declared He would never again destroy the world with a world-wide flood. (See lesson 3 outline).
 - II. Covenant with the new world (9:1-17)
 - A. Provisions for the new world (1-7)
 - B. 9:2-3 New relationship with animal kingdom
 - C. 9:4 Dietary law
 - 1. Do not eat animal while it is still alive.
 - 2. Do not eat blood (Dt. 12:24; Acts 15:29)
 - 3. (Responsible animal killing) The privilege of killing animals for food assumed the responsibility of caring for animal life as it was first formulated in Eden.
 - D. 9:5-6 Capital punishment
 - E. 9:7 Be fruitful and multiply
 - F. 9:8-17 Covenant and sign
 - 1. 8-11 Covenant is for everyone, the entire earth, not just Noah.
 - 2. 9:12-17 There's a rainbow in the sky!

Conclusion:

- A. When we trust in God He indeed provides everything we need.
 - 1. Noah trusted in God, walked with Him and loved Him and as a result God provided Noah with a warning that would save him and his family (Hebrews 11:7)
 - 2. Trusting in God, God provided Noah with everything he needed to survive on the ark and start a new life after leaving it.
- B. Those who trust in God will receive rewards and blessings from Him. We could make a list of all the wonderful things God provides for us: life, sustenance, comfort, wisdom, avenue of prayer, the church, etc., But the greatest gift that God has provided for all mankind is the gift that has been spoken about since Genesis through Revelation. The Scarlet thread. All the books point to the center of the Bible, to the cross. The greatest gift God provides for all of us is His Son (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Rom. 5:10; Obedience: John 14:15; 14:21; 15:10; Gospel: Acts 2:38)