



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 22, 2022 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

“The Grace of a Covenant”

Genesis 8:20-9:28

1. The extravagance of sacrifice
(Genesis 8:20-22)
2. The renewal of the creation mandate (with some changes)
(Genesis 9:1-7)
3. The covenant that God makes with Noah
(Genesis 9:8-17)

4. Sin rears its ugly head.
(Genesis 9:18-28)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does Noah build an altar? What is extravagant about Noah's sacrifice? (8:20) How does God respond to this sacrifice? What does not change in the character of human beings after the flood? (8:21) How do God's promises in 8:22 impact our thinking about environmentalism and global climate change? In spite of God's promise, can human beings still do rotten things to the environment? How should the Christian think about environmental stewardship?
- 2) What command does God give Noah and his sons? (9:1, 7) Why is this emphasized and never rescinded? What happens to human relationships with the animal world after the flood? What changes come to human beings after the flood in terms of diet? (9:1-7) What is a good biblical perspective on vegetarianism? Why is blood not part of the human diet? Why does God institute capital punishment? Do you think that capital punishment is done in a godly fashion in our nation?
- 3) What are God's promises in the covenant that He makes after the flood? (9:11, 15) With whom does God make this covenant? (9:8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17) Why do you think the parties of the covenant are so emphasized? What responsibilities does God have in this covenant? What responsibilities do the other parties have in this covenant? What sign does God give of this covenant? How do you think that we can recover the rainbow as a sign of God's unconditional promises?
- 4) How did sin show itself in Noah and his family? (9:18-24) What is the curse that goes to Canaan (NOTE: it is NOT to Ham!)? Why is it clear that the "curse of Ham" is not some curse on a particular race of people? (9:25) What are the blessings to the other families? (9:26-27) What happened to Noah? (v. 28) How does that fit the promise God made to Adam and Eve in 2:17?