



Reflection Questions

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The Covenant Maker

Genesis 8:20-9:7

This week, we explore the aftermath of the global flood and the foundational new order God established with Noah and all of humanity. Through Noah's act of worship, God's response of mercy, and the terms He set for life in this broken world, we see that God's redemptive plan — first announced in Genesis 3:15 — continues unimpeded.

Reflection Questions:

1. Noah's first act after leaving the ark was to build an altar and worship God rather than securing food or shelter -- what does this reveal about the proper ordering of priorities in our own lives, and how does our response to crisis reflect what we truly trust in?
2. Scripture says that God resolved not to judge the world again precisely because man's heart is evil -- how does this tension between human sinfulness and divine mercy deepen your understanding of what it means that Christ became our propitiation?
3. Noah's burnt offering is described as a picture of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ -- in what ways does understanding the continuity between Old Testament sacrifice and the cross change how you approach worship and thanksgiving?
4. God's promise in Genesis 8:22 that seedtime and harvest and the rhythms of creation will not cease is presented as a direct answer to cultural anxieties about the future of the earth -- how should this promise shape the way Christians engage with and respond to fear-driven narratives in our society?
5. The relationship between humanity and the animal world fundamentally changed after the flood, reflecting how sin corrupts all relationships -- where do you see the effects of this brokenness in your own relationships, and what does the gospel offer as a response?
6. The concept of common grace is introduced as the reason both believers and unbelievers enjoy the stability of creation and the restraint of divine judgment -- how should an awareness of common grace affect the way Christians relate to and pray for those who do not know Christ?