



THE BOOK OF GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...

Bible study for the week starting October 22, 2023

SHARE

What promises of God do you cherish the most?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Genesis 8:1-5** God remembered Noah.
 - a. Where else does God remember? (Gen 19:29; 30:22; Ex.2:24; Ps 106:45)
 - b. Does God ever forget? (Jeremiah 31:34)
2. Read **Genesis 8:6-12** -picture of two birds.
 - a. Sends out a Raven: Luther likens it to the Law. "It is characteristic of the Law that its teaching cannot make fearful consciences sure, strengthen and comfort them. Rather it frightens them, because it does nothing else than teach what God demands from us, what He wants us to do. Moreover, it bears witness against us through our consciences, because not only have we not done the will of God revealed in the Law, but we have even done the opposite," (*Genesis Commentary*, AE 2:158). What does the law do to you?
 - b. Dove: Luther sees this as the Gospel. "God wanted the branch of a green olive tree brought to Noah by mouth, to make us realize that in the New Testament, when the Flood or era of wrath comes to an end, God wants to reveal His mercy to the world through the spoken Word," (AE 2:162-163). What has the gospel done for you?
3. Read **Genesis 8:13-22** After coming out on dry ground...what is the first thing that Noah does?
 - a. When is your response sacrifice? Talk about what Romans 12:1-2 means.
4. Read **Genesis 9:1-17** God's promise is established. Ezekiel 1:26-28 and Revelation 4:3
5. Read **Genesis 9:18-29** God "starts over" and then Noah and his family still has their own sin. Is this comforting or disconcerting?

PRAY

Thank the Lord for His promises...when we are faithless he remains faithful. Pray that he would strengthen and encourage our hearts and remember us forgetting our sinfulness.



“Rainbow Bright”

Genesis 8 and 9

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“The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that **EVERY INTENTION** of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Gen. 6:5

God takes **SIN** seriously... but **YOU** are on the boat.

“But God **REMEMBERED** Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark.” Gen 8:1

Tale of two birds:

RAVEN: “It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth” **LAW**

DOVE: “came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf.” **GOSPEL**

The first thing Noah does... is **SACRIFICE.**

The first thing God does...is place a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of His **COVENANT.**

The second thing Noah and His family does... is **SIN.**

God...keeps His **PROMISES.**

“Fear not, for I am **WITH YOU**; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

For next week, read Genesis 10 and 11