

Genesis 8-9 – 19 September 2019

“Humanity’s New Beginning”

Introduction

Gen 6:1-7 – The Reasons for the judgement

It all for God to receive the hidden treasure (us).

Gen 6:8-7-24 – The Flood

God determined to wipe out the earth and start over with Noah.

God uses the Flood not b/c “God got it wrong and now He’s going to fix it”.

God uses the Flood b/c “God always gives a second chance”.

And now in Chapter 8-9, we see *humanity’s New Beginning*.

We often receive from God, New Beginnings.

1. Some of us move and get a 2nd chance
2. When we're born again, we get a 2nd chance
3. When we go to a new school or job.

Gen 8-9 will show us 5 things we can do when we've been given a New Beginning

Chap 8:1-12 – We pick up the story with the ark floating and *Noah waiting on the Lord's plan*

1st thing we can do when we're being given a new beginning is to wait for it to come.

1. Read Vs 1-5
 - a. Vs 1 - What comfort it brings to know that God remembers us in our waitings.
 - b. Vs 2-3 – As the water and rain stops, how tempting would it be to get anxious in waiting?
 - c. Vs 4 – As the ark comes rumbling to a rest on the mountains, how tempting would it be to get anxious in waiting?

2. Read Vs 6-12
 - a. Noah sends out his spies to gather intel.
 - b. Step by step process as God's plan is revealed.
3. Application
 - a. David was anointed as king when he was 10-15 yrs old. He became king at 30 yrs old.
 - i. He endured great evil at Saul's hands.
 - ii. But David wouldn't take matters into his own hands.
 - iii. The Lord would say to those in this position....(Prov 20:22)
 - b. Children of Israel waited 40 yrs before entering the promised land.
 - i. When leaving Egypt, the goal was the Promised Land, but they waited.
 - ii. God was dealing w/ the Canaanites.
 - iii. Read Deut 8:2 – the waiting had a purpose
 - iv. The Lord would say to those in this position...(Psm 37:34)

Chap 8:13-19 – We continue the story with *the Lord* telling Noah to go forth from the ark.

2nd thing we can do when we're being given a new beginning is to move when God tells you to move forward

1. Read Vs 13-19
 - a. The command comes from God and Noah obeys the command.
 - b. Knowing a new adventure is coming and stepping into it, can be two different things.
 - c. Moses was called to lead Israel out from Egypt in Exodus 3.
 - i. Exo 3:11 – Moses says, Who am I? God answers, I will be with thee.
 - ii. Exo 3:13 – Moses says, Whom should I say sent me? God answers, I AM THAT I AM.
 - iii. Exo 4:1 – Moses says, They won't believe me. God answers, I'll do the work thru you

- iv. Exo 4:10 – Moses says, I’m not a good speaker, send another. God says, I’ll direct your mouth...and give you Aaron.
- d. Back to Noah – Noah could have just sat in his man-cave in the bottom floor of the ark, but he didn’t. He went and got productive.
 - i. There’s a time to sit down (for a year like Noah) but when God calls to go, we go.
 - ii. Turn to Gal 1:15-2:2
 - 1. Even though he was gifted and equipped, at each step Paul waited for God to call him before going.
 - 2. When God called, he went.
- e. Read Heb 10:38-39

Chap 8:20-22 – Next we find *Noah worshipping the Lord as his first act off the ark.*

3rd thing we can do when we're being given a new beginning is to immediately establish a pattern of worship.

1. Read Vs 20-22
 - a. Vs 21-22 – Now there will be changes.
 - i. Seasonal changes
 - ii. Environmental changes
 - iii. Life spans shortened
 - b. Vs 20 – Noah commits to a costly sacrifice.
 - i. Will the animals left reproduce well?
 - ii. In II Sam 24:24 - David was offered to have the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, but said...
 - iii. True worship costs something.
 1. Think of Mary with the ointment.
 2. The service of our lives will cost us something to show our worship to God.

Chap 9:1-17 – Next we find *Noah growing into changing relationships w/ creation and w/ God*

4th thing we can do when we're being given a new beginning is to grow into the new relationships that it brings.

1. Gen 9:1-6

a. Read Vs 1-3

- i. Now a changed relationship in which animals are now scared of people (b/c they're now used for food)
- ii. For Adam & Eve, God killed the animal to provide clothes but there's no indication that they ate meat.
 1. Here God gives Noah that ability.
 2. Perhaps b/c the land couldn't sustain them agriculturally.
 3. But certainly, eating meat was instituted for God to use the picture of sacrifice, specifically of His Son Jesus.

iii. Thus Noah, will learn to adapt to this new relationship with animals.

b. Read Vs 4-6

i. Noah here learns the importance of the blood which is the life of the animal.

ii. Draining of the blood is established here

1. Ratified in the Law of Moses

2. Interesting that it's mentioned again as the early church considers gentile inclusion into the church. (Act 15)

iii. Read Heb 9:22 – Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission.

iv. Read Matt 26:28 – Last Supper – for remission of sins.

v. As God begins to unfold His plan of redemption even more, Noah will need to adjust to this changing relationship.

2. Gen 9:7-17

a. Noah has a new relationship with God now. He the father of all people to come.

- i. He's not just a farmer or builder of arks or a preacher, he's now the grandfather of us all!
- ii. In Noah's new relationship with God, God gives him a perpetual reminder of what they've come thru together.

3. Application

- a. Our relationship with God should be changing as we grow, learn and experience life.
 - i. Apollos knew only of the Baptism of John until Aquila & Priscilla "expounded unto him the way of the Lord more perfectly".
 - ii. Joseph of old – "What you meant for evil, God meant for good".
 1. Joseph has many new beginnings
 2. At each, he experienced new things of God each time.
 - iii. Noah had a new purpose in life now, this brings new things to investigate of God.
- b. Even as we grow into the new, remember God's faithfulness in the past.

Chap 9:18-29 – Finally we see *Noah contending with sin in his surroundings*.

5th thing we can do when we're being given a new beginning is to continue to be ready to deal w/ sin.

1. Gen 9:18- 21

- a. No question that drunkenness is a sin.
 - i. Immediately some ask, “but I can still drink some right?”
 - ii. Some people are always asking how far away from God they can get and still be a Christian and others are asking how can I avoid the appearance of evil.
- b. Did Noah try getting drunk? Probably not.
 - i. Don't really know, not point of the story.

2. Gen 9:22-24

- a. Ham, the middle son, no respect for father.
 - i. Whether Ham made him drunk or naked, we don't know.
 - ii. Shem & Japheth had respect

- b. Vs 24 - Ham wasn't the younger son, Ham's son, Canaan, was the younger son.
 - i. Whether he made him drunk or uncovered him, Noah knew Canaan was responsible.

3. Gen 9:25-29

- a. This prophecy of Noah's has been the state of earth's population since the flood.
- b. Nation of Israel comes thru Shem
- c. Canaan is the father of the Canaanite people

4. Application

- a. Even in this fresh new beginning, the reality of sin is continually with them.
- b. There is no state of being, condition, new job, new state to live in, new family that there won't be the need to deal with sin.
- c. Would you think that since they all just experienced the flood, they would be sin free?
- d. Just after the mountain tops can be the biggest temptations to sin.
- e. Be always ready.

Conclusion –

Today we've seen the 5 things we can do when given a New Beginning.

1. Wait until God tells you to move forward
 - a. Even when gifted & called, may still have to wait a long time.
2. Move when God tells you to move forward
 - a. When God calls you to go, He'll equip you to complete it.
3. Establish your worship right away
 - a. Even if it costs you greatly, make worship a priority.
4. Grow into changing relationships
 - a. God's truth and love stay the same, but the methods He uses in your life could change.
5. Continue to be ready to deal with sin
 - a. You're never on a mountain so high that you cannot sin. Be ready.