

# Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

## God's Covenant with Noah – Genesis 9:8-17

### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of post-traumatic stress
2. The Covenant
3. The Sign
4. The Relevance
5. Conclusion – One day Jesus will return and destroy the earth not with a flood, but with fire. But there is hope in Jesus and Jesus alone!

### Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 3:15 - I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between her offspring and yours. He will strike your head and you shall strike his heel.
- Genesis 6:18 - But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.
- Matthew 5:45 - For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.
- Ezekiel 1:28 - Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.
- Revelation 4:3 - And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.
- Isaiah 54:9-10 - This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you...
- 2 Peter 3:5-7 - For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago...But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

### Discussion Questions

- Place yourself in Noah's shoes: how would do you think you would respond to a raindrop?
- How does this passage meet Noah and his family in a deep place of need and provide hope?
- What is a covenant? What can we learn from the fact that God relates to us through covenants?
- What is the covenant with Noah here in Genesis 9 all about?
- What is 'common grace'?
- Why is it important for us to understand the sign of the rainbow?
- How does the sign of the rainbow function for God?
- What does it mean that God will remember the promise of His covenant?
- How should we understand the rainbow in connection to the glory of God?
- The covenant with Noah is a non-redemptive administration of the covenant of grace. What does this mean?
- Even though this covenant does not provide salvation, what is the connection between it and God's plan to save through Jesus?
- How does the sign of the rainbow function as a shield of sorts? How is that comforting?
- How does the beauty of a rainbow in the context of a dark storm help us remember that God brings beauty in the midst of chaos and storms in our life?
- How does this passage and sermon help you love God more?
- How does his passage and sermon challenge you to live differently with God's help?