

The Covenant with Noah

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Noah's First Actions Following His Exit From The Ark:

- *His First Action was to Build an Altar*
- *Noah was Putting First Things First*
- *A New Beginning -- A Restored Life -- Starts At The Altar*

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The First Mention Of God's Covenant With Noah

- **Genesis 6:18 (NIV) — 18** But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.
- *Noah Was Found To Be A Righteous Man Amongst His Generation*
- *The Lord Was Pleased With Noah's Faith Filled Actions*

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As A Result Of Noah's Obedience, What Did God Promise Him?

- **Genesis 8:20–22 (NIV) — 20** Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. **21** The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. **22** “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

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As A Result Of Noah's Trust, Faith & Obedience

- **God Expressed The Intent Of His Heart**
- **Never Again Will All Living Creatures Go Thru A Flood**

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- **Genesis 9:1 (NIV)** Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.
- Noah And His Family Offered Up A Sacrifice Of Worship
- God Repaid Them With A Covenant Of Blessing

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The creation blessing was given to Noah and his family.

- The Creation Blessing Is A Command To Repopulate The Earth
 - *Like Fruit – The Are To Reproduce*
 - *They Are To Increase In Number*
 - *And They Are To Fill The Empty Unpopulated Earth*
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- ***The Blessing To Noah And His Family Comes Along With God's Instructions For Noah's Clan To Start Things Over***

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With Noah's Beginning Again -- There Came A Covenant

- *The Covenant Would Cover Both Humanity's Obligations And God's Promises*

There Are Changes That Have Taken Place:

- *The Earth Is No Longer Paradise*
- *It's No Longer Like It Was In Adam's Day*
- *There Had Been No Rain On The Earth Before The Flood*
- *People Lived Long Lives Before The Flood -- But Not After It*

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- **God's Covenant With Noah (Genesis 9:1–17)**
- **Genesis 9:1-3 (NIV) —** 1 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands.
³ Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

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The Fear Of Man Was Put Upon The Animal World, And The Animal World Was Made Available To Man For Food.

- *After The Flood The Animals Would Not Look Differently Towards Humanity*
- *After The Flood People Could Eat Meat*

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Genesis 9:3–4 (NIV) — 3 Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. **4** “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.

- *Man no longer must be a vegetarian; he was now given meat to eat.*
- *Blood, however, was not to be eaten because it represented life (cf. Lev. 17:14).*
- The Moody Handbook Of Theology

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IN THIS AREA OF EATING MEAT... The teaching of the Bible in this area is one of freedom, not restriction

READ: Acts 10:9-16

- **13** *Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”*
- **14** *“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.”*
- **15** *The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”*
- **16** *This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.*

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Peter was learning that a person did not have to follow or convert to the Jewish pattern of worship, including eating only certain foods, but that even Gentiles can be right with God

- **"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."**
- *It Doesn't Affect Your Right Standing With God -- Your Salvation*

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The Weak and the Strong

- **Romans 14:1–4 (NIV)** — **1** Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. **2** One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. **3** The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. **4** Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

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- *“It is perfectly acceptable to eat vegetables only, if that is your choice, but in that freedom, don’t come down on others who do eat meat.”*

This as an end-times argument that will flare up in the church.

READ:1 Timothy 4:1–5 (NIV)

- *“The foods that God has created for us are good, as long as they are received with thanksgiving, and not abused.”*

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This can become a pride issue which keeps people from god's best --focusing on works rather than faith

- *“What we eat is not going to condemn us -- nor will it commend us before God”*
- **1 Corinthians 8:8 (NIV) — 8** But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.
- ***“The Approach Is Love; The Goal Is Maturity.”***

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Genesis 9:3-5 (NIV) ³ Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. ⁴ **"But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.**

- ***Life Must Be Respected – Even If You Are Butchering An Animal To Eat It, There Is A Proper Way To Do So***
- “The law of Moses would specifically require that the blood be drained from a slain animal before it was eaten (Leviticus 17:13–14). Since blood represents life, which is God’s gift, to not eat blood shows respect for that gift.”
- [The Applied Old Testament Commentary](#)

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- **Life Is Given New Prominence V. 5-7**
- **Genesis 9:5–7 (NIV) — 5** And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. **6** “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. **7** As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

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- *This covenant shows that **life** is sacred and that **man** is not to destroy **man**, who is made **in the image of God***
- *“God had put the fear of humans into the animals, but now He had to put the fear of God into the humans lest they destroy one another!” **Warren Wiersbe***

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This is the origin of capital punishment (Exodus 21:12). According to the law of Moses, even an animal that killed a human was to be put to death (Exodus 21:28).

- *Anyone who takes another life will have to answer to God because humanity is made in the image of God*
- *It is only the Lord who can give and take life*

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Genesis 9:6 (NIV) — 6 *“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.*

- Human Governments Must Stand Up For Life
- The One Who Takes A Life -- Must Give Up Their Life
- *Human government has its weaknesses and limitations, but government is better than anarchy and people doing what's right in their own eyes*

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The Third Ingredient Of The Covenant Of Noah: God's Declaration That He Would Never Again Destroy The Earth By A Flood

- ***Genesis 9:11 (NIV) — 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.***
- *God promised never again to send a flood that would destroy all humanity*

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- ***Any Time You See A Rainbow Is A Sign From God That There Will Never Again Be A Worldwide Flood!***

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Covenants Express The Character Of God

- *Covenants Express God's Intent*
- *Covenants Express The Control Of God –*
- *Covenants Express The Freedom Of God*
- *Covenants Express The Grace Of God*

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A Promise From God Is A Statement We Can Depend On With

- ***Absolute Confidence.*** We Don't Have To Creep On These Promises -- We Can Stand On Them
- God's Presence; Protection; Power; Provision; Leading;
- God's Plan; His Rest; His Cleansing; Goodness; Faithfulness; Guidance; Wise Plan

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Lessons From The Covenant With Noah

- **Lessons Of Diet**

- May We Enjoy The Freedom Of Your Ways – Being Able To Eat Meat Yet Not Being A Stumbling Block

- **Lessons Of Discipline**

- May We Live With The Understanding Of The Value Of Life

- **Lessons Of God's Declaration**

- May We Live In The Understanding Of Covenant
- When God Makes A Promise – He Will Always Keep It

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Covenants Are Expressions Of God's Heart, Grace, & Promise

They Always Invite A Faith Response

- 1. Gladly Welcome God's Covenants & Promises In Our Lives*
- 2. Trust Fully That God Who Made Them Is Able To Fulfill Them*
- 3. Show Your Faith Level By Acting On His Word & Promises*