

— Genesis 9.1-17 —
Genesis Series 28
The Noahic Covenant 2

[Blessing & Command]

Gn 9¹ So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them:

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

²And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

⁵Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. ⁶Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

⁷And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.”

[Covenant Promise & Oath]

⁸ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:

⁹“And as for Me, behold, I establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

¹¹Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

[Covenant Sign]

¹² And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

¹³I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁷ And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*** Important things to know** about the Noahic Covenant.

From last week:

1) The Noahic covenant is not only between God and Noah, but God and _____ that was on the ark and indeed with the earth itself (9-13, 17).

2) The Noahic Covenant is part of God’s plan of redemption, by which God will _____ all his original, glorious intentions for man and creation.

This week:

3) THE NOAHIC COVENANT furthers God’s plan of redemption by _____ man, the animals, and the earth until God fully accomplishes his plan of redemption in his perfect timing (Rom 8.16-29; 1Cor 15.21-27).

– **God preserves** through the _____.

– **The _____** were part of the problem.

Gn 6¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

Gn 6⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD ... ¹³ And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth ... ¹⁸ But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you” ... 8¹⁷ “Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: bird and cattle and every creeping thing.”

– **What three** measures does God take to enable man to “fill the earth” without repeating the necessity for another flood?

1) God puts the _____ of man on animals and makes them a source of _____ for man (9.2-3).

What is behind the prohibition of eating blood?

2) God implements the _____ penalty for anyone (man or beast) that sheds the blood of man unjustly (9.5-6).

3) God gives the _____ as a sign of his covenant oath (9.12-17).

– **It would** have been easier for God to _____ creation; instead he takes extraordinary measures to preserve man, the animals, and the earth in furtherance of his redemptive plan to restore them to his original glorious intentions.

* **Why does God take so long to accomplish redemption?**

1) **Even without sin**, it would have taken a _____ time.

2) **Christ came at just** the _____ time.

Gal 4 ⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

3) **The “fullness of the times”** after Christ came are also part of God’s plan to sum up all things in _____.

Eph 1 ¹⁰that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth

4) **This is all according to** the Father’s _____ purpose, according to which he presides over all things.

Eph 3 ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

Eph 1 ¹¹In [Christ] also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will

5) **All this is why** the Bible tells us things like:

Eph 1 ⁴He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself

2Tm 1 ⁹[God] has saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

6) **God’s eternal purpose** includes more:

Eph 3 ¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord ... ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Rm 8 ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good those those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rm 5 ³[W]e also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

– **All of this** is the “_____” of everything that has happened since before the foundation of the world. For us to understand the fullness of God’s love in Christ, we must also understand the fullness of the iron grip of Satan, sin, & death.

Eph 2 ¹[We] were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which [we] once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.