

THE FIRST COVENANT

Genesis 8:20-9:17

Some covenants are agreements between _____ like marriage, Jonathan & David or Israel & the Gibeonites
The most important covenants in the Bible are arrangements imposed by a superior upon a _____

I. GOD'S INITIAL COVENANT WITH NOAH BEFORE THE _____ 6:18, 8:20-22

A. Three Aspects of this Initial Covenant

- 1) It was founded on _____ (Gen.6:8); Noah did not earn a place on the ark by his _____
- 2) God made covenant _____ to Noah; God decided what form these promises would take, an _____
- 3) God also made demands of Noah, gave him clear _____ and expected his obedience

B. Noah's Response to this Initial Covenant

- 1) Noah _____ God's covenant promise; faith is always an appropriate response to God's promises
- 2) Noah _____ for one hundred years in the face of opposition; he obeyed in all things God asked
- 3) Noah sacrificed—he _____ God for keeping His covenant promise, delivering him thru the flood

APPLICATION: Every one of these elements apply to us: we are saved by means of the _____ Covenant

II. GOD'S EXPANDED, _____ COVENANT AFTER THE FLOOD 9:1-17

A. The Participants

- 1) Included Noah & all his _____ ; since all human beings descended from Noah—it includes us
- 2) Included "every living creature of all flesh"; v.13 says that God covenant with the entire _____

B. The Promises

- 1) God promised to never again _____ every living thing by means of a flood—repeated 4 times
The sign of this covenant was the _____, which was a reminder to _____ of this promise
- 2) God promised _____ & harvests—cycles & processes of nature uninterrupted by catastrophe
It is the basis for modern _____ : scientists expect nature to behave tomorrow as it does today

C. The Precepts

- 1) God twice restated the _____ Mandate: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (9:1 & 7)
- 2) God revised the dominion given in the garden: God now gave all the _____ to man for food
 - a) After the flood the seasons no longer supported multiple _____ per year, so God have men meat
 - b) But God also gave animals a natural _____ mechanism: they would now fear & dread men
- 3) By far the most important precept in this expanded, restated covenant is Human _____
 - a) God expanded man's dominion to include dominion over whoever sheds another man's _____
God promised not to destroy all mankind again despite our violence: government _____ it
 - b) God instituted human gov't specifically to restrain murder b/c it destroys the _____ of God in man
 - c) The seed of human government is planted in Gen.9; the fruit of this seed is revealed in _____
 - i) The _____ of God stands behind human gov't; police, judges, etc are the _____ of God
 - ii) Government uses _____ to accomplish its goals; therefore it cannot develop _____
 - iii) All laws enshrine someone's morality, but human gov't cannot force men to be _____