

“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

Genesis 9:9-11

God’s Covenant with Noah and All the Earth

- a new covenant? or a renewed covenant?
 - cut or confirmed?
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God remembered Noah... (Genesis 8:1)

The flood did not transform the heart of man, something more is needed for that. However, that does not stop the Lord making this covenant promise.

- The covenants show us just how determined God is to keep us and to bring us to glory, so that we might dwell with him and he with us.
- He is forever faithful to his promises.

Noah found *favour* in the eyes of God (Genesis 6:8)

- Favour first (6:8), then righteousness and blamelessness (6:9)
 - There is no darkness so dark that the light of God cannot penetrate it!
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After the Flood (Genesis 9:1-7)

- Similar to Genesis 1:28-31, with some differences/additions
 - A 'one-sided' agreement
 - God's unique, unilateral covenant promises.
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The Covenant and the Sign (Genesis 9:8-17)

- Common grace – for all people, everywhere, for all time.
 - The rainbow – pointing upwards? or put away?
 - Holy amnesia or covenant faithfulness?
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What about the New Testament?

- *"baptism... corresponds to this..."* – 1 Peter 3:18-22
 - o salvation through water...
 - o salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - always by grace... through faith.
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Genesis 6:8*