

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

**Bible Study Series: In the Beginning – Genesis 1-11**

**Lesson 22 – God’s Covenant with Creation – Gen. 8:20-22; 9:1-17**

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Noah and his family leave the ark and are confronted with an altered creation. It had been marred by the flood, changed, and was found in dried out ruins. Civilization had been wiped out. Living things were gone. Other than the living things and people who came off the ark, there was no life anywhere on the earth. In light of this fearsome realization, God promises to never destroy the world by means of a flood again and establishes a covenant with Noah and all of creation.

- I. Noah Worship’s God – 8:20
  - A. Thanksgiving for Salvation
  - B. Fear of Future Judgment
- II. God Assures Noah – 8:20-22; 9:1-17
  - A. God’s Covenant
    1. Established by God
      - a. All of God
      - b. Noah had no say, God said – 8:21; 9:1, 8-10, 11, 12, 15, 17
    2. Commands and Conditions:
      - a. Be fruitful and multiply
      - b. Fear
      - c. Food
        - 1) Plants and animals – clean and unclean
        - 2) Blood
      - d. Capital punishment – 9:1-7
        - 1) The image of God
        - 2) Life – in the blood
    3. The Sign of the Covenant – 9:8-17
      - a. Rainbow
      - b. The glory of God – Ezek. 1:27-28; Rev. 4:3; 10:1
  - B. God’s Promises – 8:21-22
    1. God will never destroy the world like this again, by means of a flood
      - a. Never, never, never – three times
      - b. When man says never – Mark 14:31
      - c. When God says never – Judges 2:1; Psalms 55:22; Proverbs 10:30; John 4:14; 6:35; 8:51; 10:27-28; 11:26; Hebrews 13:5
    2. This is an everlasting promise – as long as the conditions exist, so does the covenant
      - a. Seasons
      - b. Weather
      - c. Day and Night
  - C. God’s Grace – 8:21
    1. Not merited by man
    2. “Even though” – original sin remains

## **Cross References**

### **Ezekiel 1:27-28**

27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

### **Revelation 4:3**

3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

### **Revelation 10:1**

10 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

### **Mark 14:31**

31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

### **Judges 2:1**

2 Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you.

### **Psalms 55:22**

22 Cast your burden on the Lord, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

### **Proverbs 10:30**

30 The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

### **John 4:14**

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

### **John 6:35**

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

### **John 8:51**

51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

### **John 10:27-28**

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**John 11:26**

26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

**Hebrews 13:5**

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

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