

In the second half of chapter eight we see God withdrawing the waters and restoring creation, ultimately establishing a covenant with Noah in chapter nine. This section also shows God blessing Noah and providing new allowances to the life of man, as well as restrictions for other areas previously not expressed.

Genesis 8:1-9:17

God's Covenant with Noah

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

The idea of a covenant conjures up a variety of images. While there can be covenants in marriage, housing, and business, it's important to recognize the difference between a contract and a covenant. Both may well be considered a kind of agreement, however, they are based upon very different premises, important in understanding each.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT covenants from scripture first come to mind when you consider the very word?

WHERE have you entered into a covenantal agreement in your own life, and **HOW** would you describe its details?

WHEN you consider the details of God's covenant with Noah, what attributes of God come to mind?

HOW does God's interaction with Noah point us to the character of Christ and what He's done for us?

Genesis 9:6-9:17 Read Genesis 8:6-9:17

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OBSERVATION

At the end of the forty days, what are Noah's first action items (vs. 6-9)?

What events follow in the proceeding two weeks for Noah (vs. 10-12)?

According to vs. 13, what specifically does Noah observe?

At what point does Noah depart the ark (vs. 16)?

What command is mentioned in vs 17?

In vs. 20-22, what does Noah first do upon departing the ark?

In 9:1, what command do you see repeated? What new commands do you observe in vs. 2-7?

From vs. 8-17, list the details you see regarding the covenant God establishes with Noah.

INTERPRETATION

Where have we seen the detail of the ground in vs. 13 revealed before in Genesis? See 1:9-10.

Where have we previously seen the command given in 8:17, 9:1, and 9:7? See 1:28.

In 9:4-6, what does God seem to be emphasizing?

Explain how God's interaction with Noah and creation is a restorative account of the original creation of Adam in the Garden.

What is the difference between a covenant and a contract? Describe the details of the covenant God establishes with Noah. Consider who is involved and who is it dependent upon?

If Noah was truly righteous (6:9), does he *deserve* this kind of covenant? Keep in mind Genesis 8:21, 9:20 and Romans 3:23, then consider if *you* deserve this kind of treatment.

What does the covenant God makes with Noah, and all flesh (9:17), reveal about His character and heart for mankind? See Psalm 89:30-34.

APPLICATION

How does holding fast to God's promises given to us change how we experience joy and hope when facing difficulties AND/OR delights in life?