

Genesis: God and Man

Genesis 9:1-17 God Blessed

- The flood was over
- Plants were regrowing
- They were finally out of the ark
- Public raven vs personal dove
- Noah makes an offering, God purposed to never flood the earth again

The smell after the rain! Fresh!

Ozone, dirt kicked up, plant life. Refreshing.

I enjoy the rain

Maybe not when it's cold, winter rain...the south

After a hurricane...peaceful but destruction everywhere

Not so with the flood. Everything was washed away, buried in mud at this point (fossil record)

Washed away

1Jo 1:9 NKJV - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

How do you feel after a bit of God's judgment, or perhaps even just the consequences of your sin have run their course?

Do you feel burdened? Are you afraid it will happen again?

My dog Jessie, first getting her, playing fetch, she cowers

If you've allowed God to forgive your sin, you don't need to cower.

Jer 29:11-14 NKJV - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find [Me], when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.

God doesn't want any curse to remain.

Num 14:18 NKJV - 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears [the guilty], visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth [generation].'

Exo 20:5-6 NKJV - you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth [generations] of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Our sins can have consequence on us and our children, but God doesn't want those effects to remain. We just need to seek him.

Divorce, alcoholism, abuse, workaholic, lazy, whatever the case

The spirit of God is more powerful than your upbringing. More powerful than your genetics and indwelling sin.

The flood. It IS over.

9:1

God blessed Noah.

Noah blessed God with his sacrifice.

God in return blesses Noah.

Mat 5:8 NKJV - Blessed [are] the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Jas 4:8a NKJV - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...

There's a blessing in sacrifice.

If we aren't receiving a blessing from the Lord in our lives, maybe we haven't worshipped him yet.

It's not a payment for worship, not a job with a reward, but the avenue to open the lines of communication between a holy God and unholy man to allow man to become holy and receive a holy thing.

This is why the world can't receive the things of God. They refuse to see God for who he is and treat him the way he deserves

Rev 1:9-18 NKJV - I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send [it] to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. "I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

The apostle John (the one who used to put his head on Jesus' chest after dinner) saw Jesus for who is really is and he fell down as if dead.

Noah too, saw God for who is really is. The all-powerful, capable of total destruction AND creation, and yet one who is intimate enough to sustain them on a tiny boat above it all.

That's the difference between believers and the world - *believing God*

We believe not because it is untrue and needs some forced believing, some blind profession
But we believe because He IS true, and to be unbelieving would be to remain blind.

God blessed Noah by sharing what He purposed to do

God loves to share with us what he is doing. We are not stranger, we are more than servants, we are his friends and family

We've been sharing with you what we've been going through and what God has been showing us these past few years for the same reason. We love you and want you to know the blessing of God, even if it doesn't feel like a blessing, it is. We don't share it with everyone yet. Our friends and family always know first.

Like a baby announcement with my boss

Multiply and fill the earth

God destroyed the earth, but now reestablishes his first directive - to populate the earth with people

Adam and Eve, Noah and sons, perfect genetic diversity

All traits in Adam and Eve. God knew what he was doing.

Jesus and Peter...after the denial and relationship restoration, feed my sheep

This is why he saved Noah and his family, it wasn't *just* for them. It was for all those who would come from them.

God still wanted a relationship with all of humanity

2-7

Consequences and changes in life after the flood:

1. **Animals would fear and dread people**
2. **Man would no longer be a vegetarian**
3. **Death penalty**

Fear

fear, reverence, terror

fear, terror

reverence

object of reverence

awe-inspiring spectacle or deed

Dread

fear, terror

shattered, dismayed

shattered

dismayed

First, what does this say about animals before the flood?

Was it a more friendly environment? They obviously got on the ark with no problem. They got along on the ark. Miracle? Yes.

Animals perhaps were only vegetarian before? It's been theorized. What about animals with long teeth? Fruit bat...good for fruit, etc. Serpent hung out in the wrong fruit tree.

I'm not saying it was Mr. Bluebird on my shoulder...or that we talked to animals, but one day the Lion will lay down with the Lamb, so I certainly think it could have been a different view of nature.

Animals outside my basement window

But now animals will fear man - they suffered the consequence of his sin as he was in charge of all the animal kingdom and blew it. Like a bad zookeeper.

#2 But now they are also given for food for man.

That's a reason to have the fear and dread of man on you, they might eat me! AHHH!
It is interesting how animals tend to be afraid of us and we are so interested in them. Maybe there was more mutual interest beforehand.

The environment changed after the flood.

Before, greenhouse, warmer, wetter, more food, larger food, more nutrients in food, less radiation from space, etc.

Now it's required to eat animals. The earth alone wouldn't provide enough to keep man healthy.

And even now, they just got off the boat. It would be awhile before they got up and running again and eating a few animals would certainly help.

God tells them to cook the food in a sense - don't eat it with the blood in it.

Properly drain the meat.

No better way to make sure it's got no life in it, than to cook it. (some might say that about my cooking - no life left in it) - you can overcook vegetables too, no nutrients left in them

Just char it on both sides, I want it still mooing

#3 Mans life is still sacred, anyone who sheds it must also face death

Animals or people.

Dog maulings

Murders

Whether it's a preventer of crime or not, I don't have statistics for you, but I would think it is. Assurance of swift and sure punishment if caught will do some deterring, except to the most brazen.

But even if not, that's not the point so to speak, as it is more about the sanctity of life. That we have no right to take it because man is in God's image. It is his right alone. And when we look at fellow man we should not think they are god or that they are worthless, but that they are a picture of God and to be valued as such.

Company logo/brand guidelines

You can use the logo, font, colors, but only in these specific ways, the ways in which we deem that they best represent us

Change the color, move it too close to another logo implies relationship to another brand, entity, etc. They alone have the right to dictate how it's used, it represent them

The same with God and man. He alone can dictate how we're used because it directly reflects him.

If the company wants to change their branding, they can do that.
And if God needs to deal with his creation, he has every right to do that.

God again reminds of the command to multiply

Murdering isn't doing that. Killing isn't doing that. There ends up being a need for war at some point (not conquering, but stopping evil - death penalty)

A warning about the sanctity of life, hard topic about death penalty, reminder of the blessing of God's ultimate desire - lots of people

Interesting that the global thought is for less people. Vegetarianism, no death penalty (no prisons even). Is it even a question as to where this mindset comes from? It's certainly not a holy God.

8-11

First God blessed Noah and his sons, now God speaks to them

I believe it's still under the heading of blessing in vs 1

But I think, in a way, the blessing was new and continued life

The speaking (to say, to command, to promise, to intend)

Was to show and reassure them that the flood wouldn't happen again

They didn't have to live a life of fear, like the animals had of man, man didn't have to have of God

Man's sin affected animals, but God doesn't sin so there's nothing for us to cower and run away from

Also, sort of a legal proceeding here (if we strip away all the personality from it)

**I WILL establish
MY covenant
With YOU**

Noah and his sons just had to receive it

Never again will all things die in a flood and the whole earth destroyed by it
It won't happen, even if it physically could, God will not allow it.

12-17

**I will set a rainbow and I will remember
The rainbow is for GOD to look at as well as us.**

It is for us to remember he won't judge us with the rain anymore
Rain is a provider, a blessing, not something to hate
Again, interesting how we view rain

Storms will happen, but they are not the judgment of God, they are the consequence of a fallen world

But, if we remember that Jesus calmed the wind and rain, Satan destroyed Job's livelihood with weather, that weather if unnatural, is more the enemy wreaking havoc than God bringing judgment, although he may be allowing it for a season

The enemy loves to destroy things and then blame God for it

A sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

It's a covenant between God, man and everything on earth.

The rainbow is the sign. Remember that.

Again, it is telling that the world now chooses God's sign of a covenant not to destroy us with a flood for our sin to represent it's blatant sin against him and the purpose of male and female existences and purpose

Gen 8:21-22 NKJV - And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart [is] evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."

God promises this covenant even though He knows man will still be wicked

No grace in the Old Testament? Yeah right!

God loves to make covenants where all we have to do is believe and remember. Ones where he will look upon the sign of the covenant and not bring it again, despite our future actions.

Rom 10:8-11 NKJV - But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Luk 22:14-20 NKJV - When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With [ferve]nt desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide [it] among yourselves; "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke [it], and gave [it] to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also [took] the cup after supper, saying, "This cup [is] the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

2Co 5:21 NKJV - For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Heb 8:12-13 NKJV - "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." In that He says, "A new [covenant]," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Remembering the rainbow is good.

A flood won't judge us.

Remembering Jesus is better.

Jesus did. Eternal judgment doesn't have to be our fate.