

## Life After the Flood

### I. The Altar and the Sacrifice- 8:20

- A. The first altar
- B. Why did Noah do this?  
"Noah offered 'burnt offerings', which we learn from Leviticus 1 were offerings involving the active participation of the worshipper to make atonement. They also expressed commitment and consecration-nothing is held back." Moyter
- C. The "pleasing aroma"
- D. Christ's offering- Eph. 5:2

**Principle: Noah acknowledged that it was God's mercy and grace that kept them safe, and he thanked and worshipped God.**

### II. The Blessing- 9:1-7

- A. Reminiscent of Gen 1:28-" be fruitful and multiply..."
- B. Now "fill and subdue" is replaced with "fear and dread"
- C. Permission to eat meat is given
- D. Prohibition to eating of blood
- E. Sanctity of all life; distinction of human life -made in the image of God
- F. Man given the responsibility to provide social order and justice

"We begin to see in this story is a recognition that the Fall of man has to some extent changed the way God deals with us. No longer is his command straight forward, as it was in the Garden. It is accommodated to the needs of a fallen world. We cannot simply read off God's creative intention from the way things happen to be in this world- everything is overshadowed by abnormality. Nor can we identify every expression of God's law with his perfect will. We are 'after the Deluge', not 'back in Eden.'" Moyter

**Principle: God's mandate remained the same but was accommodated to the needs of a fallen world.**

### III. The Covenant and the Promise-9:8-11, 8:21-22

- A. First of many covenants, began in Gen 6:18
- B. What is a covenant?
- C. Types of covenants:
  - 1. Royal grant- unconditional example\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Parity-between two equals example\_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. suzerain/vassal-conditional example\_\_\_\_\_
- D. This covenant is made with all of creation, forever, even though...
- E. Other promises- seasons and days

F. The renewed covenant- Jer. 31:33-34

G. The New Covenant-Mat 26:28

**Principle: God is a covenant making God! Here He makes a covenant with the whole earth, forever!**

**IV. The Sign of the Promise-9:12-17**

- A. Importance attached to the rainbow makes it significant
- B. "I will remember My covenant"- our reassurance
- C. The bow is hung up, the hostility is over
- D. The rainbow in heaven Rev. 4:2-3

**Principle: God will keep His promises!**

Application questions to consider:

1. In what area(s) of my life do I need to acknowledge God's mercy and grace, and give Him thanks?
2. Do I value God's image in myself and others as God would have me to? Do I value His creation as He would have me to?
3. Study further God's covenant with me and what it means in my life.
4. Do I believe God's promises to me?

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