

## **Sermon Outline and Questions**

**Pastor Dave – Sun 22nd Oct – 2023**

### **Back To the Beginning**

**Title – Life After the Flood**

**Genesis 8:15 – 9:7**

Looking out over the river valley in his way to Woodstock – reflecting on a stunning sunny day.

The fall colours covering a huge area – looking at the highpoint and reflecting upon this message.

- Imagine how devastating it would be if the water enveloped everything up to the high point.

How different things would have been as they stepped out of the ark.

Question – What would it have been like to live through an event like that and then the devastation after the waters receded – things being different from that point on.

- 40 days and 40 nights consistently
- All the watery springs bursting open – reshaped the earth.
- In Ch 8 we see the ark testing mountains of Ararat.

The Flood Recedes Genesis Ch 8:1-14

It took approximately a year – the flood receding over a long period of time.

Chapter 8 – The first item of business on exiting the ark was Praise and Worship.

[Genesis 8:20](#)

[<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD.](#)

**[Genesis 8:15-22 Christian Standard Bible](#)**

### **[The LORD's Promise](#)**

[<sup>15</sup> Then God spoke to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Come out of the ark, you, your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out all the living creatures that are with you—birds, livestock, those that crawl on the earth—and they will spread over the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup> So Noah, along with his sons, his wife, and his sons’ wives, came out. <sup>19</sup> All the animals, all the creatures that crawl, and all the flying creatures—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ark by their families.](#)

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of every kind of clean animal and every kind of clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> When the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, he said to himself, "I will never again curse the ground because of human beings, even though the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth onward. And I will never again strike down every living thing as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, and day and night  
will not cease."

Point #1 – God’s promise of preservation of the earth.

- Promising never to destroy everything again.

Point of Reflection – Man hasn’t changed though!

Noah and his family preserved throughout this event.

God regretting that he had ever made man.

- But even though man hasn’t changed – God said that he was never going to destroy the earth again the way that he just did.

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The changing of the seasons is a constant reminder for us of God's promise of this.

Application side note.

Those of us who are saved often reflect on this promise.

- In the Fall Season.
- With the Colours.
- And the crispness in the air.

God being the one who causes the seasons to change.

God allowing these things to happen year in and year out.

But we live in a world where many people don't realise this.

Then what they think about and concern themselves with is – angst – worry and concern.

Reference – Article CBC - Aug 2022 – Climate Anxiety.

- Our youth in our culture are amongst the worst in environmental angst.
- Although we are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world when it comes to environmental awareness.

(But are consumed where the climate is going.)

The two don't correlate!

- Our culture tells us one thing – causing massive anxiety.
- Scripture tells us something different.

The permanent covenant of God we see as an encouragement – not angst on the future of the earth.

[Genesis 8:22 Christian Standard Bible](#)

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- The promise of God – Genesis Chapter 8.

Scripture does tell us that during the Tribulation there are some things that God will destroy.

- We have no need to suffer this angst, because God will allow the earth to endure, until he doesn't.
- He will decide how it will go.
- Recreating the heavens and the earth.

We need to remember God's presence.

### **Genesis 9:1-7 Christian Standard Bible**

#### **God's Covenant with Noah**

**9** God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup> The fear and terror of you will be in every living creature on the earth, every bird of the sky, every creature that crawls on the ground, and all the fish of the sea. They are placed under your authority. <sup>3</sup> Every creature that lives and moves will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given you everything. <sup>4</sup> However, you must not eat meat with its lifeblood in it. <sup>5</sup> And I will require a penalty for your lifeblood;<sup>[a]</sup> I will require it from any animal and from any human; if someone murders a fellow human, I will require that person's life.

<sup>6</sup> Whoever sheds human blood,  
by humans his blood will be shed,  
for God made humans in his image.

<sup>7</sup> But you, be fruitful and multiply; spread out over the earth and multiply on it."

A Noahic Covenant.

A start in a very different world.

Verse 1 – "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

- We should be able to say – "I have heard this before".

## **Genesis 1:28 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

This being before sin enters the picture.

- Familiar.

It was different for Noah after the statement - “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Adam and Eve – were given a dominion mandate.

- Adam naming the animals.
- Having that authority.

For Noah it was different.

- Similar in multiply and fill the earth.

But then...

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- Different – the fear of him will be in the animals.
- Animals no longer responding as they did for Adam.

It looks very different for us when it comes to animals.

- They run from us.
- Fear and terror can cause them to attack.
- Disobey us.

God telling Noah that things are different – because sin has entered the picture.

Before the flood the animals came to him – they were all good, even on the ark.

- Then outside the ark behaving very differently.
- Stark change – in an instant – realisation for Noah – things have changed.

Now with the New Covenant, they can eat meat.

- It wasn't that way before.
- Before the flood they would only have eaten fruit and vegetables.

### **Genesis 9:1-7 Christian Standard Bible**

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**9** <sup>3</sup> Every creature that lives and moves will be food for you; as I gave the green plants, I have given you everything.

- God giving permission now to kill and eat.

This also now institutes Human Government.

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- Scholar after scholar recognising the initiation of Government.
- Giving humans the ability to exercise that.

In no time at all after the fall – murder entered the picture.

Think About This!

Adam and Eve – sin enters the picture – they disobey God – their very first sons – one son killing the other.

- The reality and devastation that sin brings – in their very own family.

There was no requirement at the time for Cains life, as a result of him his brother Abel's life.

From this point on – man's wicked desires, thoughts and sin got worse and worse and worse.

- Human Government are able to restrain evil.

**Question** – Can human government put pay to evil – No.

- They can restrain and use force.

[Genesis 3:9-7](#)

The intention of Government from God.

- Using force to deal with wrong – Romans 13 – this is what we hear about Government.

Paul says...

**Romans 13:3-4 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. <sup>4</sup> For it is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For it is God's servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong.

Human government cannot develop "morality".

- This is from God.

Government can enforce this if it believes in God's law.

- The law was a restraint the desire that already exists.

**Question** - When God lays this out for Noah does it stop murder?

**Question** – Why is life to be forfeit upon murder?

Reference made to Leviticus 17.

## **Leviticus 17:10-11 Christian Standard Bible**

### **Eating Blood and Carcasses Prohibited**

<sup>10</sup> "Anyone from the house of Israel or from the aliens who reside among them who eats any blood, I will turn<sup>[a]</sup> against that person who eats blood and cut him off from his people. <sup>11</sup> For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have appointed it to you to make atonement on the altar for<sup>[b]</sup> your lives, since it is the lifeblood that makes atonement.

The life of the flesh is in the blood. So, when somebody murders someone there has to be an account.

- We have veered from capital punishment.

**Boyce quote** – At best the government will express in law and enforce by its inherent power the sense of morality that already is present or absent in its citizenry.

**Question** – What can we do in response?

- We need to continue to pray for government.
- Voting for candidates that best stand for Godly principles.
- We have a responsibility to hold the government to account for how they are to operate.

Leviticus.

The life of the animals is in the blood.

- As an act of atonement.

But this is just a picture of what was to come.

- Jesus being the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

The Noahic Covenant points to a new covenant.

### **Luke 22:20 Christian Standard Bible**

<sup>20</sup> In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.<sup>[a]</sup>

- In my blood.
- Animal blood being a temporary atonement.
- Jesus’ blood shed on the cross of calvary.
- Government unable to deal with sin.
- Jesus – “I will deal with sin”.

We have to humble ourselves before God and encourage our community and culture with the good news of Jesus.

- Proclaiming the good news, glory and salvation of God through His son our Saviour Jesus.

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Christian Standard Bible**

#### **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective.<sup>[a]</sup> Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective,<sup>[b]</sup> yet now we no longer know him in this way. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has<sup>[c]</sup> come! <sup>18</sup> Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. <sup>19</sup> That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.” <sup>21</sup> He made the one who did not know sin to be sin<sup>[d]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In Christ God reconciling people to himself.

- Therefore, we are ambassadors.
- We plead to be reconciled to God.

**Questions** – Are we remembering the promise of God?

- Are we remembering that only God can save us?

Christian.

Are we only caring about things that don't make a difference?

Or – where God has promised other things?

Or – Are we looking to the Government to rescue us, when they cannot.

Are we confessing that we are not relying on the promises of God.

2 Chronicles.

Starts with us as we confess our sins and seek God's face, that he would heal our land.

Pray – that we would have a heart for the lost, a love for them, to say – “be reconciled to God”.

Taking every opportunity that we have, that God presents to us.