




GENESIS
9:8-17
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THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

GOD'S COVENANTS: NOAHIC

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 9 “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you 10 and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 11 I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

12 And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

17 So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Go Further Back For Context:

5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. - Genesis 6:5-8

11 Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. 12 God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13 So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. - Genesis 6:11-13

17 I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. 18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. - Genesis 6:17-18



LET'S OBSERVE HIS FAITHFULNESS IN THIS COVENANT

The Noahic Covenant: Genesis 9:8-17

For a little more Context: Read Genesis 8:20-22

Terms and Conditions

1. Noah was instructed to build the _____ to preserve his family and pairs of every living creature (Genesis 6:17-18).
2. After the flood, Noah worshipped God by offering _____ (Genesis 8:20), but the covenant itself does not include human participation.

Blessings

- God promised never to destroy the earth with a _____ again (Genesis 8:21; 9:11).
- The seasons and cycles of nature would continue (Genesis 8:22).
- God reaffirmed humanity's dominion over creation and the call to be _____ and multiply (Genesis 9:1-3).

Circle the Type: Conditional Unconditional

Penalties & Sign

- There are no direct consequences tied to the covenant because it is based solely on God's faithfulness. However, sin and its effects remained in the world after the flood (Genesis 8:21).

Symbol of Noahic Covenant: a _____

- This covenant still exists. The sign of this covenant, a _____ still appears.

Attribute of God: Faithfulness, Grace and Mercy

- God's faithfulness is seen in His commitment to preserve life despite human sin. His grace and mercy is evident in His decision to provide a fresh start and to withhold judgment through the floodwaters again.

Circle the Nature of the Participant's Covenant Relationship (God and Noah):

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Royal Grant - Unconditional: king / servant - a generational blessing

Parity - equals / brothers

***Nugget:** Noah found favor with God because of his faith and obedience (Genesis 6:8)



NOW, LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

The Noahic Covenant is a beautiful reminder of God's mercy and faithfulness, even in the middle of humanity's failures. After the flood, when the earth was wiped clean of widespread corruption, God made an unconditional promise to Noah, his family, and all living creatures that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. For many of us, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the brokenness in the world and even in ourselves, but this covenant reassures us that God isn't in the business of giving up on humanity. Instead, He provides us with stability and hope to keep going. Even when we're unfaithful, He remains faithful in His pursuit towards us!

One of the most powerful takeaways is that God's promise doesn't depend on us. The Noahic Covenant wasn't conditional—it wasn't about what Noah or anyone else could do to earn it. It was all about God's grace. He made a promise to preserve life and creation, even knowing humanity would continue to fall short. If you've ever felt like you don't measure up or worry that you've messed things up beyond repair, this covenant shows that God's faithfulness isn't tied to our performance. His grace is steady, no matter what.

Another aspect of the covenant is God's provision. Genesis 8:22 says that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—will continue. This is a promise of consistency and order, something we can all take comfort in when life feels chaotic. God is the ultimate provider, making sure we have what we need to thrive. The rainbow later introduced as the sign of the covenant serves as a visual reminder of His mercy and faithfulness. Next time you see one, think of it as God's way of saying, "I've got you, and I'm not going anywhere."

For anyone trying to balance responsibilities and navigate life's uncertainties, the Noahic Covenant is a reminder that God is a God of second chances, new beginnings, and unshakable promises. He doesn't let our failures define His plans for us. Instead, He gives us hope, stability, and the assurance that His mercy is always greater than our mistakes. This isn't just a story about ancient times—it's a promise that still stands today. From generation to generation, He is faithful!



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Now that you've been reaffirmed that God's character is faithful, gracious and merciful towards you, how does that encourage your faith in moments when you feel unworthy or distant from Him?
 - What steps can you take to trust in His faithfulness rather than your own efforts?
- When life feels chaotic or uncertain, how can you remind yourself of God's provision and stability, like the cycles of nature described in Genesis 8:22?
 - What practical ways can you pause and recognize His faithfulness in your daily life?
- The rainbow serves as a visible reminder of God's mercy and promises. What "rainbows" has God placed in your life—moments or signs that remind you of His faithfulness?
 - How can reflecting on those reminders help you grow in trust and confidence in Him?

Closing Prayer...

Heavenly Father, thank You for being a God of mercy and faithfulness, even when we fall short. Just as You made an unshakable promise to Noah, we are humbled by the fact that Your love for us is not based on our performance but on Your grace. Help us

to trust in Your steady provision, especially when life feels uncertain or overwhelming. Remind us, Lord, that You are our constant, the One who never gives up on us and always makes a way for renewal and hope. Thank You for the beauty of creation and the daily reminders of Your care, like the sunrise, the rain, and even the rainbow in the sky.

Father, we ask that You help us to live with faith that honors Your promises. Strengthen us when doubts creep in and when we feel unworthy of Your love. Teach us to recognize the signs of Your faithfulness in our lives and to hold tightly to them when challenges arise. May we walk in gratitude and boldness, knowing You are always with us. Use us as vessels of Your mercy to bring hope and encouragement to others, just as You have given hope to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Next Week:

We will be covering the *Faithfulness of God* in the **Abrahamic Covenant**.