

Life After the Flood – Part 2

Introduction & Review

- ❑ God remembered His promise to those in the ark, ended the flood & brought the ark to rest on a mountain (Gen. 8:1-5).
- ❑ Noah responded to God's faithfulness with wisdom, patiently discerning God's will (Gen. 8:6-14). Sometimes believers must discern God's will from circumstances in life.
- ❑ God commanded Noah as to the exact time to exit the ark (Gen. 8:15-17).
- ❑ Noah graciously responded to God's command in obedience, faith & worship (Gen. 8:18-20).
- ❑ The Lord accepts biblical worship & gives the true worshipers hope (Gen. 8:21-22).

I. God's Blessing (Gen. 9:1-2, 7)

A. Procreation (Gen. 9:1, 7)

There are similarities & major differences with the garden of Eden (1:28) – the 2nd beginning of humanity. God created the earth to be populated by mankind & sin could not hinder His plan. God's blessing is His assurance that His plans & purposes will be fulfilled – Noah's family will populate the earth. God protected them in the flood for this very purpose!

B. Dominion (Gen. 9:2)

God's plan for human dominion or rule in the earth has not changed because of sin. People are created in God's image with the capacity to rule. However the nature of human rule has changed because of sin – "fear". God put the fear & dread of humanity in animals to restrain or limit their resistance to the rule of mankind.

APPL: Believers must receive & obey this command of procreation today amid many perversions, dangers & opposition – abortion, abuse of children, abandonment & redefinition of marriage. We must faithfully bring children into the world & make disciples of them (Ps. 127:3). Believers must also obey God & exercise dominion over animal life amid the perversions today – exaggerated concern for animals, attempts to make animals equal with people, etc. (Jas. 3:7). They are not in the image of God & are subservient (Ps. 8:6-8).

II. God's Provisions (Gen. 9:3-6)

A. Food (Gen. 9:3-4)

Prior to the flood, people & animals were vegetarians (Gen. 1:29-30). Now the human diet shall also include animal life (Gen. 9:3). Eating animals involved killing & exposure to blood, so God provided some restrictions (Gen. 9:4). Blood represents life & was to be used for godly religious activities (Lev. 17:11; Ac. 15:20).

B. Protection (Gen. 9:5-6)

Because killing is now a reality, God put the fear of people in animals to protect people. Because killing is now a reality, God gives a serious warning for murder of another person. We have the fear of people in animals (v. 2) & the fear of God in people = protection. Unlike animals, people are created in the image of God & killing a person results in the death penalty (v. 6). Every person is created by God in their mother's womb & is valuable to Him (Ps. 139:13-14).

APPL: Believers trust God to provide our food & we eat what He has provided in faith regardless of worldly perversions – fads, extremists, alarmists, false teachers, etc. (1Tim. 4:1-5; Col. 2:20-23). Believers should also obey God & not murder people with hatred, words or deeds (Mt. 5:21-22; 1Jn. 3:15).