

Beginnings

Sermon Title: “ A New Beginning ”

Speaker: Bauer Evans

Text: Genesis 8

Main Point

The Lord rescues Noah from His judgment and points forward to our ultimate rescue as well.

Points

The Lord remembers Noah and re-creates earth (vs. 1-5)

Noah waits patiently for the Lord's deliverance (vs. 6-14)

The Lord commands Noah to fill the earth again (vs. 15-19)

Noah celebrated his deliverance and points forward to ours (vs. 20-22)

Quotes

"The essence of God's remembering lies in his acting toward someone because of a previous commitment" -Ross Childs, pg. 197

"Noah as it were as a 2nd Adam, a New Adam who is entering a new world cleansed by God's judgment" - Ligon Duncan

Application

1. Re-read Genesis 8
2. God's remembrance of Noah reflects the previous promises He had made to Noah (Gen. 6.18) Can you share a promise God in Christ has made to you that reassure you of his mercy and care today?
3. God did not speak to Noah during the Great Flood, or for most of the 370 days he was on the ark. Bauer asserted God was teaching Israel, the original recipients of this book, and us about His faithfulness to His promises even when He is silent in their lives. What is one area God's "silence" is testing your faith?
4. Noah didn't leave the ark until God told him to. He waited for the Lord to speak even as he gathered counsel through sending out birds. He waited for God's command before he disembarked from the ark. Why is waiting so hard for we moderns? What does it mean to 'wait' on the Lord? What is THE area God is telling you to wait before you move ahead? Explain.

5. Noah is a second Adam and the LORD commissions him, as he did Adam, to fill and subdue the earth (Gen. 1.18) as 'representatives' of His Kingdom. How is what you do a fulfillment of this command? How is our ethical conduct (i.e. integrity) particularly representative of Christ in our lives?

5. Chapter 8 ends with Noah building an altar and offering burnt offerings which 'pleases' God. How does Noah's burnt offering point forward to Christ's final propitiatory sacrifice for your sins (Romans 3:21-26)? Why do you think God was pleased to punish Jesus for your salvation (Isaiah 53)? How does God's sacrifice of His son help you to celebrate his mercy today?

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