

Sermon Title: " Covenant "

Speaker: Bauer Evans

Text: Genesis 9:1-17

Main Point

God establishes a new world with the blessing of fruitfulness and the prohibition of taking another person's life and a promised by covenant never to destroy every living creature again by such a flood. *

* Adapted from Ross, Allen P. Creation & Blessing, pg. 203.

Points

*God instructs humanity to respect life and prohibits the murder of innocent life.

*God promises to preserve life and to never again destroy life by a flood.

*God gives a sign as reminder of His promise to be merciful in the face of sin.

Quotes

"The animal's life (symbolized by the blood) belonged to God; the blood shed on the altar could be seen as God's atoning gift to sinners, not theirs to him" - Derek Kidner

"This was and is God's word to a violent world. This was meant and is to protect human life. To ignore God's teaching is to descend ever more into a society of violence" - R. Kent Hughes

"God's mercy means His kindness, patience, and forgiveness towards us." - Dave Harvey

Covenant: A covenant formally binds two parties together in a relationship on the basis of mutual personal commitment, with consequences for keeping or breaking the commitment.

Application

1. Re-read Genesis 9:1-17

2. Bauer mentioned that as we read Genesis 9:1-17, we discover God is speaking throughout the entire 17 verses. His speech falls into two parts, each part having its own message that fit together. Part 1: verses 1-7 and Part 2: verse 8-17

As you read the text and take note of its structure, how does the construction of the text between the two sections clarify for you the message God is speaking?

3. Chapter 9 begins with God blessing Noah and his sons. Bauer compared Noah's blessing with Adam's blessing (Genesis 1:28-30) and suggested that because of the repetition of the commands – those originally given to Adam and now given to Noah, this identifies Noah as a kind of second Adam. As with Adam, God blesses Noah with fruitfulness and commands him to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth. (vs. 1, 2, & 7)

How do you see that command applying to your life?

4. In vs. 4-6 God instructs humanity to respect life and protects life by prohibiting murder. In these commands God gives about forbidding the eating of blood we realize the significance of blood in that it represents life. (Deut. 12:23)

Why is this significant for the Israelites and us?

How does understanding the blood sacrifice of an animal for a sin offering help prepare us for understanding Christ's atonement for our sins?

5. In vs. 8-17 God makes a covenant with Noah. What is a covenant?

Why is this covenant with Noah important to this story? Why is God's covenant important to our story?

Noah's covenant has some important and distinctive features. It is encompassing, unconditional, promises to preserve life, and establishes a sign as a reminder of His promises.

What is God revealing about Himself in this covenant? How is that significant to you as you relate to God today?

6. The focal point of the covenant is God's mercy to sinners.

What specific mercies do you see in your life? How has God's mercy triumphed over specific sin in your life? Be detailed. Take time today to meditate on God's mercies in your life.

7. We see God's ultimate display of mercy over our judgment of our sin. As you meditate on His forgiveness and kindness return to Him today, this week in gratefulness and praise.

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