

The Beginning of Covenant Relationships

Genesis 8:20-9:17

Beginning

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God gave Noah a promise: A **covenant** relationship.

1. Noah believed God's promise **in spite of evil** surroundings. (6:17-18)
2. Noah experienced God's deliverance **through faith** 6:14-19.
 - a. Noah heard God's **warning**. (6:13)
 - b. Noah obeyed God's **command** (6:22; 7:5)
 - c. Noah survived God's **wrath** (8:18-19)
3. Noah expressed his gratitude by **worship**. (8:20-22) - God **responds** to heartfelt worship.
4. Noah enjoyed God's blessing **by grace**. (9:1-7) - 5 blessings.
 - a. **Procreation**. 9:1
 - b. **Preeminence** 9:2
 - c. **Provision** 9:3
 - d. **Prohibition** 9:4
 - e. **Protection** 9:5-6
5. Noah Received God's Covenant as a **gift**.
 - a. God established the covenant in spite of man's **sin nature**.
 - b. He did it according to the purpose of His grace not according to the **performance** of man.

Every person on the earth, when they see a rainbow, ought to bow in reverence and in gratitude.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).