

Genesis 8:-9:1-17

God's Covenant with Noah

Introduction:

The definition of the word "Covenant" from the Hebrew text (berith) means "to cut" as to cut an animal in half. This is to be a treaty or alliance between two parties of people. We think of in our day a marriage covenant between a man and a woman which is an agreement by vows until death due them part. In the business world we still use the same kind of language, "to cut a deal" by way of contract. (Gen. 15:8-18) When God makes a covenant with us, He swears by His good name which is holy and perfect in all His ways. (Heb. 6:13) The Greek rendering for covenant is essentially the same (diatheke) meaning, "last will and testament," a legal writing of a will of the deceased.

I. Seven Covenants

- A. **Adamic – Hosea 6:7**
- B. **Noahic – Gen. 9**
- C. **Abrahamic – Gen. 15:18**
- D. **Mosaic – Exo. 24:7,8**
- E. **Levitical – Num. 25:12,13; Mal. 2:4-5**
- F. **Davidic – II Sam. 23:5; II Chron. 13:5**
- G. **New Covenant – Jer. 31:31-34; Isa. 42:6; Matt. 26:26-28**
 - 1. Covenant of Redemption
 - 2. Covenant of Grace

II. Noahic Covenant – 9:8-17

- A. **Occasion of it**
God blessed Noah and his sons – 9:1; Gen. 1; 28
- B. **Source**
God is the giver and initiator and the sole compacter – Gen. 6:18 cf. Acts 2; 38, 39
- C. **The Basis**
Is upon Noah's sacrifice – Gen. 8:21-9:17; Eph. 2:18; 3:12
Turn To: Hebrews 10:19-25
- D. **The Contents**
Seed time and harvest, no more worldwide flood – Gen. 8:22; 9:11; Psalm 104:30
- E. **The Design**
God's merciful act and a marvelous display of His grace – v. 21; Heb. 1:3
- F. **Requirements – 9:4-7**
 - 1. Blood must not be eaten with flesh – Lev. 7:27; 17:10-14; Gen. 4:10,11
 - 2. Human government – Gen. 9:6
 - 3. Fruitful – v.7

III. The Common Grace of God – 9:12

- A. **Distinction between Saving Grace and Common Grace**
Reformed theologians differ
- B. **God Remembers – 9:16**
 - 1. The rainbows light – I John 1:5
 - 2. Manifold Grace of God – I Pet. 4:10; Gen. 8:1
 - 3. God remembers Abraham, Rachel, the afflicted – Gen. 19:22; 30:22; Psa. 9:12
- C. **God never forgets His Covenant – Lev. 26:42,45; Jer. 14:21; Ezek. 16:60**
Conclusion: The Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19; Ecc. 12:1

