WHITES RUN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Announcements: Sunday school has resumed Sundays at 10:00 AM! We are wearing masks for moving around, but we may remove them when seated in Sunday School. Sunday School meets in the fellowship hall around tables by family groups. We will announce more classes as they become available.

The Covenant through Noah

Genesis 6-9

For background read Genesis chapters 6-9.

Sin

Genesis 6:5-8; Romans 2:14-15; 3:9-31; 1 Cor. 10:31; Matthew 5:17-6:34, 15:19; Exodus 20:3-17; Ps. 14:2-3; Ps. 51; Jer. 17:9.

Wrath

Gen. 6:8-9; 9:20-23; Hebrews 11:7; Isaiah 66:15; Romans 1:18.

Grace

Genesis 6:8 (favor); Ephesians 2:1-10; John 4:10; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 5:10.

Covenant

Continuations:

- Parties:
 - God as Creator and King
 - Man as Son and Image-bearer
- Commands Be fruitful and multiply, increase. Gen. 1:22, 28, 9:1, 8:17.
- Expectations Faithfulness of both parties.

Additions:

- A three-part oath:
 - Never again to curse the ground. Gen. 9:21.
 - Never again to strike down all life.
 - Never again a major renovation of earth. (Seasons will remain reliably in order.) Gen. 9:22.
- Animals for food: Gen. 9:3.
- Capital punishment (human government): Romans 13:1-7.
- Not another global flood: Gen. 8:21, 9:15. 2 Peter 3:1-13.
- A sign of the covenant: Gen. 9:12-17.

Applications

- Understand the role of Jesus Christ, the promised seed, who obediently fulfills all covenants and offers to you a New Covenant in His blood.
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and be saved.
- Draw close to him who is able to strengthen you unto faithfulness.
- Join Noah in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Other Observations:

- The command to subdue the earth seems left out, and indeed, we have failed to completely subdue the earth.
- The life span of humans decreases from this point forward in the Bible. God may have used a radical change in climate from pre-flood conditions to accomplish this.
- The concession to eat meat may have been given to compensate for the new conditions.
- The rainbow is a sign to God and not to man. Every rain event forms rainbows from some perspective, so every rain event carries the covenant sign for God.
- Rain and seasons may have only occurred after the flood, but it is unclear. This would make sense for the rainbow to be a sign of this new aspect of the covenant. Gen. 2:6-7, 8:22.

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