

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

GENESIS 8:1-7
MARCH 2, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

1. How does the Bible characterize Noah?
 - a) Noah was just, perfect, obedient, and righteous. (Gen. 6.9,22; 7.1)
 - b) Could Noah have been one of the most righteous of all? (Ezek. 14.12-20; Jer. 15.1)
2. After the global flood, Noah's sons were tasked with repopulating the entire world.
 - a) Eve was the "*mother of all living.*" (Gen. 3.20)
 - b) From Noah's sons, "*the whole earth was populated*" (Gen. 9.18,19).
3. Three post-flood observations:
 - a) A choice is made. (Gen. 8.20-22)
 - b) A commandment is implemented. (Gen. 9.1-7)
 - c) A covenant is established. (Gen. 9.8-17)

I. A CHOICE IS MADE

- A. **GENESIS 8.20,21:** "*Then the LORD said in His heart...*"
 1. How is the heart defined in the Bible? (Matt. 9.4; 1 Pet. 1.22; Rom. 6.17; Heb. 10.22)
 2. Contextually, God made a choice after Noah offered a sacrifice. (v. 20).
 3. **GENESIS 8.21:** "*I will never again curse the ground for man's sake...nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.*"
- B. You can touch the very heart of God.
 1. By our sinful choices, we can cause God to be "*grieved in His heart*" (Gen. 6.5-7).
 - a) "*Godly sorrow*" is sorrow with God in mind. (2 Cor. 7.9,10; cf. Matt. 27.3-5)
 - b) Repentance comes when I grieved over what I did to God. (Rom. 2.4)
 2. By our good choices, we can touch the heart of God. (Gen. 6.8)
 - a) Grace is God having feelings for us. (Eph. 2.4-7)
 - b) Jesus frequently felt for the struggles of man. (Matt. 9.36; Luke 7.13; 15.20)
- C. Having made His choice, God promised that the world will remain.
 1. This is God's world. Therefore, it is His choice. (Ex. 19.5; Job 41.11; Rom. 11.34,35)
 2. God is in control of the earth's continued maintenance. (Matt. 5.45; Acts 14.17)
 3. God decides when the earth will come to an end. (Heb. 1.1-3; 2 Pet. 3.5-7)

II. A COMMANDMENT IS IMPLEMENTED

- A. **GENESIS 9.4:** "*But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.*"
 1. There was a change in the relationship between man and animal.
 - a) All animals were made to fear and dread man. (Gen. 9.2; 2.19; 6.19)
 - b) All animals were given to man as food. (Gen. 9.3; 1.29; Lev. 11.1-22; 2 Tim. 4.1-4)
 2. The command to not eat blood predates the Law of Moses. (Deut. 12.23; Acts 15.18-20)
 3. Why was mankind prohibited from eating blood? (Gen. 9.4)
 - a) **LEVITICUS 17.11:** "*for the life of the flesh is in the blood.*" (v. 14)
 - b) **LEVITICUS 17.11:** "*I have given it to you...to make atonement.*" (cf. Heb. 9.22)
- B. **GENESIS 9.6:** "*Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed*"
 1. The command predates the Law of Moses. (Ex. 20.13; Rom. 13.9)
 2. Some infamous murders recorded in Biblical history. (John 8.44)
 - a) The murder of Abel. (Gen. 4.8,11; 1 John 3.12)
 - b) The murder of Stephen. (Acts 7.57-59; cf. 9.1)
 - c) The murder of Jesus. (Acts 5.30; 7.52)
 3. Why was mankind prohibited from committing murder?
 - a) Why are we allowed to kill an animal, but not another human? (Gen. 9.6,7)
 - b) There is something unique about man. This defeats evolution. (Gen. 1.26)