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Monday - Genesis 9:8-11 - A Covenant

As Noah, his family, and the animals come out from the ark and worship God, God makes a covenant with them. What is a covenant? It is an agreement between two or more persons. God is very gracious when He makes covenants with man because He gives us the opportunity to obey Him and be blessed. God's covenants with man are of His own making - man doesn't come and suggest an agreement to God. God's covenants are firmly established; they can't be ignored or done away with. God also makes His covenants, not just with covenanters (those who agree to the covenant), but also with their children. These children can have all the benefits of being in a covenant with God before they are even capable of agreeing to it.

This particular covenant that God makes with Noah is made to protect the world from another Flood. Man is not going to get any better or more obedient, but God is merciful and doesn't give us what we deserve. This covenant doesn't mean that God won't use other ways of judging mankind for their sin. God also may use a flood in certain areas or countries, but He promises to never again destroy every living thing.

Questions

1. What is a covenant and who are covenanters?
2. Whom does God make covenants with along with covenanters?
3. What did God promise in His covenant with Noah?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God makes covenants.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. Genesis 1:5a

Praise: Psalm 88 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Genesis 9:12-23 - Seals and Sins

God seals His covenant with a rainbow. He repeats His assurance that He will never again destroy the world with a flood. When we have the greatest reason to be afraid of a flood, before and after rainfall, is when God sends His rainbow as a sign of His promise, to remind us of His mercy in the storm, and to comfort us. God always remembers to keep His promises; when we look at a rainbow, we should remember to keep our promises to Him.

Noah has no more children after these three sons, and from them come all the peoples of the earth. God can use small beginnings to accomplish His purposes. Noah doesn't lead an idle life, but he plants a vineyard. Still, Noah isn't perfect, and we see him sinning by becoming drunk. Before the flood when he is surrounded by sin, he leads a righteous life, now through carelessness, he falls into sin when it should have been easier to do what God says. We must always be watchful against sin.

Ham sees his father in a drunken, shameful state, and it pleases him. He is glad to see his father in sin, and he mocks his father to his brothers. He wants to let everyone know Noah's sin because he has no respect for his father. Shem and Japheth, out of respect and love, not only don't look at their father's sin, but they make sure no one else will see it. We must not broadcast the sins of other people but deal with them in love and discretion.

Questions

1. What was the seal of God's promise?
2. Which two sons respected their father?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's promises.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Genesis 9:24-29 - Curse and Blessing

Noah comes to himself, realises what he has done, and he finds out what his sons have done. God gives him the spirit of prophecy, and he tells his sons what will happen to them. Ham and his descendants are cursed. These are the Canaanites whom 800 years later the Israelites will destroy in battle or force to become their slaves. Children often have to bear the consequences of their father's sins, especially when they imitate their father's sins and refuse to ask God for mercy. Ham has dishonoured his father, so God will dishonour him. Though God's curses operate slowly, sooner or later, they will take effect. The Canaanites prospered for awhile, but then their judgement came.

Noah blesses God for giving him two righteous sons in Shem and Japheth. He praises God for the good things that Shem and Japheth do. We can only do what is right because God gives us the ability to do it. The Lord is to be Shem's God, and Shem and his descendants are to be His people. This is the greatest blessing Shem could have. Shem's descendants will be the Jews, the Israelites, who will enslave Canaan one day. Noah also blesses Japheth with prosperity and fruitfulness.

Noah lives only 19 years less than Methuselah. This long life is a blessing from God, but after having lived to see two worlds, when Noah dies, he goes to a better one.

Questions

1. What is Ham's curse?
2. What is Shem's blessing?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would turn away from the sins around us.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. Genesis 1:5a

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Thursday - Genesis 10:1-20 - Children of Japheth and Ham

God who has killed all men, except for Noah's family, now gives them the ability to be fruitful and multiply. Japheth's descendants are the future European Gentiles, many of whom will one day be part of God's Church.

In the list of Ham's descendants we read about Nimrod. Nimrod is described as a mighty man. Some think this means he is one who is very ambitious and wants to use his power and strength to rule over others. He is a famous hunter. The phrase 'before the LORD' can also be translated 'against the LORD.' This shows us how proud Nimrod is. He wants to be greater than God, to rule over others in defiance of God, thinking he is a match for God. He does get into power and rules over different peoples and builds different cities. He doesn't seem to be humble and content, but proud and rebellious, always wanting more.

These descendants of Ham will be subdued before Israel. From these verses we can see that they are many, rich, and living in good locations, but they are still under God's curse for their sin. Evil men and women may prosper in this world, but God's curse always works really and terribly but not always visibly or immediately.

Questions

1. Where did the European people come from?
2. What kind of man is Nimrod?
3. What will happen to Ham's descendants?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for God's justice and timing.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. Genesis 1:5a

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Friday - Genesis 10:21-32 - Shem's Descendants

Shem's descendants are given in these verses, but they also tell us something about Shem himself. First, Shem is called the ancestor of all the sons of Eber. Eber is his great-grandson. Why is Shem called the father of all his children rather than Arphaxad or Shelah? Why is Eber singled out? Probably because Abraham and his children, God's covenant people, not only come from Eber, but from him get the name Hebrews. The language that Eber's family continued to speak would become the Hebrew language. So, basically, Shem is being called the father of the Hebrews. This is a great honour - to be the father of God's chosen people.

Shem has received the greatest blessing. This is the blessing of having God's covenant people descend from him. However, the day will come, as we see in Acts, when children of Japheth and Ham, along with Shem's descendants will all be included in God's kingdom through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. Who is Shem called the ancestor of?
2. Why is Eber special?
3. What is Shem's great blessing?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that God's kingdom is open to all who believe in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Genesis 11:1-9 - The Tower of Babel

Noah's descendants have been separated into tribes, and they are meant to multiply, go out, and fill the earth. But they are very slow to do it. They all have the same language and can understand each other, they find a convenient place to settle in, and decide to build a huge tower. Why? They want to rival God by building a tower up to Heaven. They want to set themselves up in God's place. Out of their pride they want to make a name for themselves, but to this day no one knows who they are. Finally, they want to directly disobey God's command to fill the earth.

God knows all that is going on, but He justly and mercifully evaluates what they are doing, giving them time to repent. He sees that it is best that they do not stay as one group - much of the earth would be left uninhabited, rulers would have too much power, and the believers might be overcome. Men are obstinate and will continue in sin, so they must be scattered. God the Father speaks to God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and determines to scatter them. These men deserve death, but God in His wisdom, patience, and mercy gives them different languages. The sin of these men at Babel leads to our difficulty in understanding others today. God can scatter people through language, but He can also bring people together in faith as He does in Acts 2:4-6.

Questions

1. What do the people decide to do?
2. Why is this wrong?
3. What is God's solution?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

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Praise: Psalm 93 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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**God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!**

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