

Covenant Theology: from a Reformed Baptist Perspective

Lesson 4: The Noahic Covenant

The historical setting of the Noahic Covenant:

- As men grew in number so too grew the _____ upon the earth-Genesis 6:1-8
- There was a small remnant upon the earth who kept their _____ in God's promise of deliverance
 - Noah's parents' faith is evidenced by their _____ of him-Genesis 5:28-29
 - Noah _____ God's word and obeyed
- God's _____ is the only reason for the existence of a righteous remnant-Genesis 6:8
 - Since the Fall, God's grace is _____ for a person to have favor with Him
 - "The Love of God does not find but creates that which is pleasing to it."-ML
 - The order is: Noah found favor with God (_____), Noah believed God's word (_____), Noah built the Ark (_____-this is always the order
- God decides that He is going to _____ the earth for the wickedness of man and will destroy everything that lives on dry land except that which is miraculously saved by entering the Ark
 - Here is a powerful picture of _____
- Noah, and his family, are the only people that the Lord saves from the deluge of His _____

Like the Adamic Covenant, the Noahic Covenant includes all humanity

- Noah was the federal head under this covenant and all _____ is bound to the laws and promises of this covenant

The covenant

God first tells Noah that He will make a covenant with Noah _____ the flood-Genesis 6:18

- This was told in advance to Noah to be another aid to his faith-so that he might be surer of his _____ from the wrath that was to come.

_____ the flood the Lord makes the covenant with Noah-Genesis 9:1-16

- _____ are given (similarities to Eden but also includes new commands that have to do with living in a post-Fall world)

"In the Noahic Covenant, human societies therefore have two basic and related jobs: to preserve life, and to preserve the family...The Covenant of Works curses and condemns. The Noahic Covenant dictates how to live in that world."-Renihan

- _____ is given
- A _____ of the covenant is given

The Noahic Covenant (just like every covenant God made with man) not only contained earthly elements but also was meant to _____ reveal the Eternal Covenant.

"This covenant is revealed in the gospel; first of all to Adam in the promise of salvation by the seed of the woman, and afterwards by further steps, until the full discovery thereof was completed in the New Testament..." LBC 7.3

"The covenants which the Lord established at successive intervals with different parties were substantially one, embracing in the main the same promises and receiving similar confirmations...Each covenant that God made with men shadowed forth some element of the everlasting covenant with He entered into with Christ before the foundation of the

world on behalf of His elect. The covenants which God made with Noah, Abraham, and David as truly exhibited different aspects of the compact of grace as did the several vessels in the tabernacle typify certain characteristics of the person and work of Christ.”-Pink

-The covenant of God to Noah came only _____ the offering of a sweet-smelling sacrifice-Genesis 8:20-21

-Mankind had not “changed” but still lived in a state of _____ (compare Genesis 6:5 & 8:21) but this covenant came simply out of God’s desire to bless based upon the His pleasure with the sacrifice. The sacrifice stirred up God’s heart to be gracious and merciful-**Ephesians 5:1-2**

“The covenant was Jehovah’s response to the offering upon the altar. That offering was ‘a sweet savour’ to Him, clearly pointing to the offering of Christ.”-Pink

-The Noahic Covenant promises come to Noah for the sake of _____

-The Noahic Covenant showed that God would withhold such all-consuming judgment until the fulfillment of His _____ of grace-**Genesis 3:15**

“Indeed, the salvation of the whole Church was included in it, and wholly depended on it, seeing that the promised Seed who would break the serpent’s head was not yet brought forth. And therefore, if all mankind had now been destroyed, then that first great promise (which was a revelation of the sum of the Covenant of Redemption) would have failed.”-Coxe

-Noah and His family are blessed because of God’s grace to them through Christ. This shows that the blessing of God’s _____ favor only ever comes to a person through Christ.

“This is the first time that we read of God blessing any since the Fall had occurred...This blessing of Noah and his sons after the offering upon the altar, and in connection with the covenant, denoted their blessing upon a new basis. Adam and Eve received blessing on the ground of their creature purity; Noah and his sons (as the representatives of the entire election of grace) received the blessing on the ground of their acceptance and perfection in Christ.”-Pink

-The earth and the offspring of Noah (all humanity) will be preserved until all the _____ are gathered in

“The kingdom of creation is governed by two covenants. The Covenant of Works curses mankind. The Noahic Covenant stabilizes that cursed world so that redemptive history can play out and God’s promises can be fulfilled.”-Renihan