

Noah Thanks God – Mt. Leo VBs

Scripture Text: Genesis 9:1

The ninth chapter of Genesis contains the culmination of one of the most famous stories in all of the Bible.

Put yourself in Noah's shoes as he gets off the boat.

1. Covenant with God – Genesis 9:1-17

- 1 Job to do: be fruitful, multiply, replenish the Earth
Everyone else has more children except for Mr. & Mrs. Noah.
9:23-24 doesn't record any more children after the flood.
- 2 Now the animals fear man – dominion over them
We are not the same as animals and are not equal with them – we have a soul!
- 3 Before the flood, they only ate herbs of the field, Gen. 1:29
- 4 Cannot eat something that is alive
- 5 Taking a man's life is punished by that person's life being taken
- 7 Had to replenish the Earth
They do, but they don't move while they are doing it which leads to the problem at the Tower of Babel – Ch. 11
- 9 Establishment of the covenant
- 11 Never to destroy the earth with water again. Next time will be fire.
- 13 Sign of the covenant: rainbow (see below)
- 15 God remembers the covenant at every rainbow

2. Rainbow Rant:

- Question: what does the rainbow stand for?
- It is not a representation for a sinful choice of an individual
- Sadly, since a homosexual man by the name of Harvey Milk commissioned another gay man, Gilbert Baker, to make a flag for San Francisco's 1978 gay pride parade, the rainbow has become synonymous with homosexuals.
- Those of the homosexual persuasion have chosen to degrade a beautiful token of God and turn it into a symbol of rebellion and arrogance.
- They are wrong on many fronts.
- Homosexuality is a sin – OT: Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Sodom and Gomorrah; NT: Rom. 1:26-27, I Cor. 6:9-11, Jesus mentions male and female in Matt. 19:3.

3. The Sin of Noah – Genesis 9:18-29

- 18 Ham – father of Canaan. In Joshua, they are invading land that is from distant cousins
- 19 Shem, Ham, Japeth (and their wives) repopulated the Earth
Don't know if there were different times for a child to be born or not
- 20 New job for Noah after the flood
- 21 Psalm 1 – the association of being near sin
Became drunk and naked
Instead of helping his father in his time of need, Ham spills the beans on Noah
- 23 Respect for the father
Never see the nakedness but they cover up the problem
- 24 Noah knew what had happened
- 25 Curse placed on the descendants of Ham
- 26 Shem and Japeth to be blessed
- 28 Noah 3rd oldest recorded individual – Methuselah (969), Jared (962), Noah (950)

Coffman: "Since Abraham was born about 292 years after the Flood, it appears that, for 58 years, Noah was a contemporary of Abraham!"

4. Promises Today

1. God always keeps His promises
 - He promised to send the Messiah & He did!
 - He has promised that Jesus will return & He will!
2. Do we keep our promises?
 - Promise to meet a friend for lunch
 - Promise to help someone move furniture so they can repaint a room
3. When we obey the Gospel. We are making a promise with God that we will live according to that promise.
4. What have we promised?
 - Live faithful until death – Rev. 2:10
 - Not be lukewarm – Rev. 3:14-17
 - Repent if in the wrong – Luke 13:3, 5
 - Study – II Tim. 2:15
 - Preach the Word – II Tim 4:2
 - Always be ready to give an answer – I Pet. 3:15
 - Grow in grace – II Pet. 3:18
 - Grow in knowledge – II Pet. 3:18
 - Partake of the Lord's Supper on the 1st day of the week – I Cor. 11

- Give – I Cor. 16:1-2
- Keep the course – II Tim. 4:7-8
- Put on the whole armor of God – Eph. 6
- Don't have itching ears – II Tim. 4:2
- Forgive those that wrong you – Romans 12:14

Lessons:

1. Noah and his family were thankful to God His protects – Gen. 8:20
2. God is with us even when we only see the “storm clouds.”
3. Our worship, like Noah's, should be a sweet-smelling savor to God.
4. Don't hang around and give into sin in your life – Psalm 1.

Lessons from Coffman:

1. Temptation and sin are of the greatest danger immediately following victory.
2. Satan assaults the soul with the most vigorous efforts both at the beginning of life (or a career), and at the end of it. Either way, if one falls, the shadow lengthens to lie over the whole life.
3. Idle gossip is exceedingly sinful and dangerous.
4. Countless generations may suffer as the result of a single individual's wickedness. Cain and Canaan both appear in these early chapters as examples of this.
5. It is not the big temptations alone that cause people to fail, but the little ones as well. Noah could understand the scorn of the whole world, but he could not resist the over-indulgence of his appetite.
6. Even the greatest and best of men are no substitute for Christ, who alone is the Perfect One and the Savior of all people.

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