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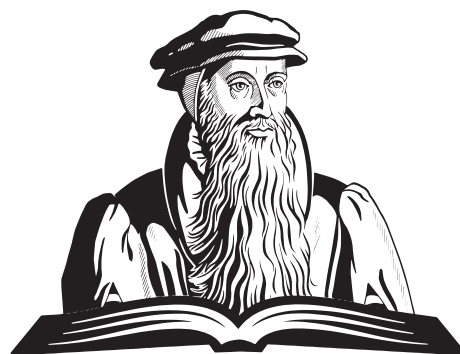
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Old Testament

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40 LESSONS

(Additional lessons forthcoming)

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Lesson 8

The Noahic Covenant

Genesis 8:20 – Genesis 9:29

Memory Verse

I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13

Noah Built an Altar

Why did Noah build an altar upon leaving the ark? In offering sacrifice to God upon the altar, Noah was testifying that he had come through the flood, not by his strength, but by God's grace. As Paul states concerning salvation, the same was true of Noah. He was saved "by grace ... through faith; and that not of [himself]: it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

Noah began the new day, in the new world, by worshiping God. Praising him for the many blessings he received. We too should begin every day acknowledging God for the many blessings we have received and for strength to go forward.

Capital Punishment

When Cain killed Abel, God did not require the execution of Cain. And when Lamech boasted of his brutality, there is no mention made of justice being meted out. However, now God requires that a person who murders another should be put to death – "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Genesis 9:6). Why does God require the execution of a murderer?

- First, God requires it because the murdering of a person is an attack upon God Himself. Adam, unlike all other creatures, was created in the image of God. Although fallen, man is still the image of God. To hate one's neighbor to such a degree that you would kill them is an act of rebellion against God whose image they bear - "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20).
- Second, there was much murder in the period before the flood. Such violence went unchecked. Cain killed Abel. Lamech boasted of being more wicked than Cain. Tubal-cain, Lamech's son, seems to have made

items of brass and iron with the express purpose of killing. What a wicked world it was. To keep such wickedness in check, God, in His mercy, commanded capital punishment.

The Rainbow: God's Faithfulness

Through Noah, God established a covenant with the whole earth. The promise made to Noah, extended not only to his family and his seed, but to "every living creature that is with you" (Genesis 9:10). As a token of His promise, God set a rainbow in the cloud. What are we reminded of when we see the rainbow? Not only that God has promised not to destroy the earth with a flood anymore, but especially that God looks upon the "bow in the cloud" and remembers. It is a reminder of God's faithfulness to His covenant promises.

Questions

Genesis 8

1. "And the LORD smelled a _____ savor; and the LORD said in his _____, I will not again _____ the ground any more for man's sake; for the _____ of man's heart is _____ from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done."

Genesis 9

2. "Whoso _____ man's _____, by _____ shall his blood be shed: for in the _____ of God made he man."
3. Which of the following sons of Noah was the father of Canaan?
- a. Shem
 - b. Ham
 - c. Japheth
4. After the flood, Noah occupied himself as a _____.
- a. Cattleman
 - b. Shepherd
 - c. Farmer
 - d. Fisherman

5. Noah declared a curse and a blessing upon his sons. Match the son with the curse or blessing.

_____ Shem	a. his son would be a "servant of servants"
_____ Ham	b. He would have much territory
_____ Japheth	c. his blessing lay in the fact that the LORD was his God

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 8:21. Why did God determine not to destroy every living thing again? Was it God's mercy or man's merit? Why is mercy better than merit? Explain.

2. Compare Genesis 1:28-31 and Genesis 9:1-7. Describe the similarities between the words spoken to Adam and the words spoken to Noah.

3. Shem, Ham, and Japheth were all aware that their father Noah was drunk and lay naked in his tent. Why were Shem and Japheth's actions better than Ham's? What lesson can we learn from this episode?
