

Genesis 8-9

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SERMON NOTES

Genesis

In the beginning...

The big questions remain:

- Where did everything come from?
- Does God exist?
- Does human life have a purpose and meaning?
- What does the good life look like?
- What has gone wrong with the world?
- What has been done / is being done about what has gone wrong?

“Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. The LORD said, ‘I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.’”

- *Genesis 6:5-7*

“You live in a deranged age — more deranged than usual, because despite great scientific and technological advances, man has not the faintest idea of who he is or what he is doing.”

- Walker Percy, *Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book*

Genesis 8-9

1. Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD (6:8)
2. Noah walked with God (6:9)
3. Noah worked with God (6:22, 7:5)
4. Noah waited on God (8:16-19)
5. Noah worshiped God (8:20-22)

Genesis 8-9

1. The God of new beginnings *remembers* His people
2. The God of new beginnings *rescues* His people
3. The God of new beginnings *renews* His people

“We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.”

- A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

“There is no message in this book except that God, the very God whom people insulted and against whom they rebelled, is so concerned about them that he himself did the only thing that could be done to rescue them and to redeem them.”

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“Christianity is in its very essence a rescue religion.”

- John Stott, *The Authentic Jesus*

“The goal of the covenant love of God is that He should have a people on earth as long as history lasts, and after that should have all His faithful ones of every age with Him in glory. Covenant love is the heart of God’s plan for His world.”

- J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

“God wants and intends the restoration of a lost world to Himself and to its true nature and destiny by breaking down whatever barriers are placed between it and Him, and in Jesus Christ he actually makes this possible.”

- Alister McGrath, *Studies in Doctrine*