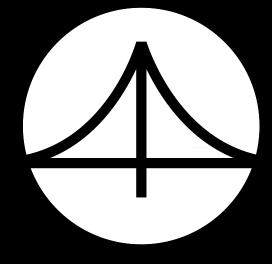
Genesis: Leaving the Ark

Genesis 8:1-9:17



God is gracious.

- Gracious Rescue
- Gracious Blessing
- Gracious Covenant

Gracious Rescue

- God takes those who deserve nothing good from Him and decides to bless them
- God remembering people means He's moving toward people to save them
- The central message of the flood is that God is so loving and gracious that He saves Noah's family
- No matter what tough situation you face in life, if God is with you, it's not forever

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Gracious Blessing

- 1. Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth
- 2. The fear and dread of humanity will be upon every animal
- 3. Animals are food for humanity
- 4. God protects human life and bans murder
- 5. Be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it

Gracious Covenant

- Covenant a deeply personal, but legally binding promise
- God promises never to wipe out the whole world with a flood again

"It generally indicates some sort of significant silence —a failure to comprehend, a resistance to the speaker's word, and so forth... Here, God first flatly states His promise never to destroy the world again. The flood-battered Noah evidently needs further assurance, so God goes on, with a second formula for introducing speech, to offer the rainbow as outward token of His covenant."

Gracious Covenant

- Covenant a deeply personal, but legally binding promise
- God promises never to wipe out the whole world with a flood again
- God "reminds" Himself so we can be reassured that He'll keep His promise
- God uses the bow, a weapon of war, as a sign that He will give the earth peace

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