

**Study Questions for the February 27, 2022 Sermon:
“The Covenant With Noah”
Genesis 8:20-9:17**

1. Psalm 8:3-4 emphasize the insignificance of man in comparison to the created universe, and to the creator of the universe. Then in Psalm 8:5-8 the psalmist abruptly changes tone and presents humans as being crowned with glory and honor, and having dominion over creation.
 - a. Is the psalmist being inconsistent?
 - b. In what sense are humans insignificant? In what sense are humans significant?

2. Here are two lyrics from *Trouble in My Way*

Stepped, stepped in the furnace a long time ago
Shadrech, Meshach and Abendigo
No, they were not worried, oh, this I know
They knew that Jesus will fix it after while

Trouble in my way, I have to cry sometimes
Trouble in my way, I have to cry sometimes
I lay awake at night, but that's alright
I know my Jesus will fix it after while

If you have a problem that seems without hope, and you just have to hold on to your faith, share with the group how you cope.

3. In Genesis 8:20 we see Noah has just left the ark. He is a natural leader and must have a lot on his mind.
 - a. What does he do first?
 - b. What can we learn from Noah's response to all the unsolved problems and unresolved issues he was facing?

4. The events in Genesis 8 & 9 took place hundreds of years prior to God inspiring Moses to write laws that required making sacrifices. Why do you think Noah felt impelled to build an altar and make a sacrifice?
5. In Genesis 8:21-22, God makes a covenant with Noah. In Genesis 9:9-12, he reiterates and expands the covenant. This is called the Noachic covenant. It is unconditional (NOT in the format of “If you do this, I'll do that.”)
 - a. Are all covenants unconditional?
 - b. If not, give an example of a conditional covenant.
6. In Genesis 9:3, God permits Noah to eat any animals.
 - a. Why was the eating of animals prohibited prior to the flood?
 - b. When Moses later wrote the law, why were some animals declared unclean (unfit to eat).
7. In verse 4, God prohibits the eating of the blood of animals.
 - a. What is the purpose of this prohibition?
 - b. Is this prohibition still in effect?
 - c. Should this prohibition be applied to taking blood transfusions?
8. In verse 5 & 6, God warns there will be a “reckoning” for murder. How do you reconcile this with some people seeming to get away with murder?
9. In what way is the ministry of Jesus comparable to the function of the ark? (See 1 Peter 3:20.)