

The Big Picture:
A Covenant for All Creation (Gen. 6 & 9)

The Flood (Gen. 6:11-13)

- Human sin/wickedness was so great that God would bring judgment on the earth because of it
 - Not just humanity would suffer, creation would too
 - Because of humanity's tie to it as its caretakers
- Noah is singled out as a righteous man (Gen. 6:9)
 - Implies a relationship
- God's concern is with all of Creation
 - Thus, He looks to not only start fresh with Noah, but with the animals who would otherwise not survive the Flood as well
- How will God deal with our sin?
 - Through Judgment?
 - Through Mercy?
 - BOTH!

A Renewed Covenant (Gen. 9:1-17)

- Noah acts as a type of Adam
 - Typology: A literary hermeneutical device in which an earlier revealed person, event, or institution is understood to correspond with a later revealed person, event, or institution in a way that brings understanding to the latter
 - Noah has a relationship with God
 - Will become the father of all surviving humanity
- Just like Adam, Noah & family are:
 - Reminded to be fruitful & multiply
 - Filling the earth*
 - Reminded that God has given them plants to eat
 - And now animals too, but without blood
 - Reminded of the image-bearing status of humanity
 - Thus, the prohibition against murdering another human
- God reestablishes the covenant He made with Adam with Noah and his offspring
 - Clarifying that sin will be dealt with, but through a flood
 - Covenantal Sign: Rainbow

So What?

- We were not created for toil and pain
 - We *were* created with a job to do
- Are we trusting God to deal with our sin?

Meditation Verse: *Genesis 9:17*