



Series: Genesis 1-11: An Introduction to Everything

A New Creation, a New World, a Covenant Sign

When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Genesis 9:16

"The Hebrew reads simply 'bow,' a battle weapon and a hunting instrument.... Here the warrior's bow is hung up, pointed away from the earth, a sign of peace. The relaxed bow stretches from earth to heaven and extends from horizon to horizon, reminding God of his covenant commitment."

-Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible Notes

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

Galatians 3:13

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Luke 22:20

Welcome & Update

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Call to Worship – from Genesis 9

Leader: And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

People: Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

All: I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Songs of Praise

Blessed be the Lord

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel

From everlasting to everlasting (2x)

Let all the people say "Amen!" (3x)

Praise the Lord

Gather us O Lord, our God,
from among the nations (echo)

Deliver us and save us, O God,

God of our salvation (echo)

All: So we may give thanks to thy holy name

And glory in thy praise - Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good (echo)

His steadfast love endures forever

and he is good (echo)

All: Declare the mighty deeds of the Lord

and show forth all his praise - Hallelujah!

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;

as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:

great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Children's Message

Prayer for the World, the Church, and the City

Confession:

Eternal God and our Father through Jesus Christ, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess our sin to You. We confess that we fail to fulfill Your will in countless ways. Though You have shown us mercy, we do not show gratitude. Though You call us to holiness, we desire to do life our own way. In Jesus You give to us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold our love to others. We deny Your Spirit as He calls us to repentance and forgiveness. We deny Your Son when we forget his victory on the cross. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us! Lead us once again to Your table and unite us in Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbour and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Song of Assurance

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture – Genesis 8:20 - 9:17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today: Mike Hsu

Sermon: A New Creation, a New World, a Covenant Sign

Sermon Outline

1. Following the Flood, A New World Order
2. God Re-establishing His Covenant with a Sign
3. The Hope of a New Creation in God's Son

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Song of Thanksgiving

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Benediction : Hebrews 13:20,21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you.

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