

**Sermon: “*Human Life: Preserved By God (and Protected By Us)*”**

**Text: Genesis 8:20-22; 9:1 and 8-17 (Page 5 in the pew Bible)**

## **I. The panoramic panels of God’s covenants**

“A covenant is a contract or agreement between two or more parties. Covenant is how God has chosen to communicate to us, to redeem us, and to guarantee us eternal life in Jesus.

These truths, revealed in the Bible, are the basis of Christianity. The Bible is a covenant document.” (Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry)

## **II. A comparison between the history of Noah and the covenant with Noah**

- **The history of Noah is a picture of the salvation to come in Jesus Christ.**
- **The covenant with Noah is the platform for the salvation to come in Jesus Christ**

**It is a promise of God’s preserving continuation of a dramatic stage on which the chief actor will be His Son, Jesus.**

## **III. The covenant platform is an unconditional declaration.**

**Genesis 9:11** “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.”

**This does not mean that God will never again destroy the earth, however. In fact Jesus used the very fact of the flood to warn about another coming day of destruction for all outside of Him:**

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all...so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” **Luke 17:26-30**

**God has as a matter of fact warned and promised that He will one day destroy the earth by fire in 2 Peter 3:10, 11.**

## **IV. The covenant platform is a universal declaration**

**Genesis 9:9-10** “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.

## **V. The sign of the covenant platform:**

**Genesis 9:12-13** ‘ And God said,... “I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

**Not (merely) this.....**



**...but this!**



**God has been faithful to His covenant, but we have been unfaithful, and He has let His arrow fly, piercing the heart of His own Son, Jesus, in judgment for our sins.**