

# Noah and the Flood

## Lesson #6 - Genesis 8:20-22 & 9:1-4

(Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version)

**Genesis 8:20-22** "Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and **OFFERED BURNT OFFERINGS on the ALTAR**, and **the Lord SMELLED a SOOTHING AROMA**. Then the Lord said in His heart, 'I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although **the IMAGINATION of MAN'S HEART is EVIL from his YOUTH**; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.'"

- **Exodus 10:25** "But Moses said, 'You must also give us \_\_\_\_\_ and burnt \_\_\_\_\_, that we may \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord our God.'"
- **Exodus 29:18** "And you shall \_\_\_\_\_ the whole ram on the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ offering to the Lord; it is a \_\_\_\_\_ aroma, an offering made by \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "OFFERED BURNT OFFERINGS on the ALTAR"** - From the time of Adam's sin until the building of the Tabernacle, we see that God required His people to make animal sacrifices on an altar of stones. Even though we do not see a direct command from God to Adam that they needed to give an animal sacrifice to God, **it is implied in the fact that God Himself CLOTHED Adam and Eve with ANIMAL SKINS after they had sinned**. Innocent animals **had to be killed** in order to get their skins to provide clothing for sinful mankind. **This is a picture of the fact that we cannot cover up or get rid of our sins by ourselves, but we need God to cover us and provide a sacrifice for us**. The sacrifice of an innocent animal on the altar is a foreshadowing and a picture of **the GREAT SACRIFICE of Jesus, the innocent Son of God**, when He was nailed to the cross for our sins, and the sins of all mankind, including Adam. Every animal sacrifice given by God's people in the Old Testament was a "type" of Christ, meaning that it was showing in a picture form the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. Jesus is called **"The Lamb of God" and He is the lamb that the Father provided for all mankind**, as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

- **John 1:29** "The next day John saw \_\_\_\_\_ coming toward him, and he said, "Behold! The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the \_\_\_\_\_!"
- **I John 3:5** "And you know that He was manifested to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, and in Him there is no \_\_\_\_\_."
- **I Peter 2:24** "Who Himself bore (TOOK AWAY) our \_\_\_\_\_ in His own \_\_\_\_\_ on the tree (cross), that we, having died to sins, might \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ - by whose stripes (wounds) you were healed."
- **Exodus 20:25** "And if you make an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for Me, you shall \_\_\_\_\_ build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it."

**Definition: "If you wield your TOOL on it, you will PROFANE it"** - Profane means to make it disgusting to God. This was a commandment to guard against IDOLATRY and PRIDE, and to be a picture of GRACE vs. WORKS. The altar was to be made of **plain stones**, because God knows man's sinful nature. If men were allowed to decorate the altar with fancy tool work, the focus would soon be on how beautiful the

altar was, and the talent of the artists, and not on **God and the AWFULNESS of SIN**. It is also a picture of SALVATION BY GRACE, because God does not want ANYTHING to be added to the work of Christ on the cross. **Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ ALONE, plus NOTHING**. Sinful man cannot ADD any little artistic embellishments, so to speak, to what God has done for us. We cannot ADD good works, keeping commandments or ordinances, religious rituals, noble deeds, or anything else of the flesh. God allows NOTHING to be added as a requirement, and if we DO add our own efforts, God says it is PROFANE (impure, defiled, violated).

- **Titus 3:4-6** "But when the \_\_\_\_\_ and the LOVE of GOD our Savior toward man appeared, \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ of righteousness which we have done, but according to His \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ us, by the WASHING of regeneration (being born again) and RENEWING of the HOLY SPIRIT; which He shed on us ABUNDANTLY through Jesus Christ our Savior."
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, and that \_\_\_\_\_ of yourselves, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone should boast."

**Definition: "The Lord SMELLED a SOOTHING AROMA"** - Have you ever smelled a neighbor's barbeque, as the delicious smell and aroma of steaks or hamburgers on the grill floated through your window? Yes, that is a sweet-smelling aroma, but is that what God is really concerned with? No, **it was the OBEDIENCE of His people in MAKING the sacrifices that pleased God**. All of the Old Testament sacrifices and rituals were SYMBOLIC of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and He is their fulfillment (Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 9:1-14). When God was pleased with the Israelites' sacrifices, He would say it was a "sweet-smelling aroma". For us today, as Believers under the New Covenant (New Testament) the sacrifices that please God are the SACRIFICES of our PRAISE and our obedience.

- **Ephesians 5:1-2** "Therefore be followers of God as dear children. And \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, as \_\_\_\_\_ also has loved us and \_\_\_\_\_ Himself for us, an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to God for a sweet-smelling \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Philippians 4:18** "Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, a sweet-smelling \_\_\_\_\_, an acceptable \_\_\_\_\_, well \_\_\_\_\_ to God."
- **Hebrews 13:15-16** "Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ) let us continually \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to His name. But do not forget to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_, for with such \_\_\_\_\_ God is well \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "The IMAGINATION of MAN'S HEART is EVIL from his YOUTH"** - It begins from birth. You don't have to teach a child how to be mean and selfish, it just comes naturally from their little sinful nature. The condition of humanity is sinful and beyond our own ability to fix it. **Our hearts are deceitful and wicked**, and without God, through His Son Jesus Christ, we have no hope.

- **Genesis 6:5-6** "Then the Lord saw that the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth, and that every intent of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ was only \_\_\_\_\_ continually. And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

- **Psalm 58:3** "The \_\_\_\_\_ are estranged from the \_\_\_\_\_; they go \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as they are \_\_\_\_\_, speaking lies."
- **Romans 3:10-18** "As it is written, 'There is \_\_\_\_\_ righteous, no, not one; there is none who understands; there is \_\_\_\_\_ who seeks after \_\_\_\_\_. They have all gone out of the way; they have together become unprofitable; there is \_\_\_\_\_ who does \_\_\_\_\_, no, not one. Their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have practiced \_\_\_\_\_; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of \_\_\_\_\_ and bitterness. Their \_\_\_\_\_ are swift to shed \_\_\_\_\_; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have \_\_\_\_\_ known. There is \_\_\_\_\_ fear of \_\_\_\_\_ before their eyes.'"
- **Romans 3:23** "For \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God."
- **Jeremiah 17:9** "The \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ above all things, and desperately \_\_\_\_\_; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the \_\_\_\_\_, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his \_\_\_\_\_."

**Genesis 9:1-3** "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And **the FEAR of YOU and the DREAD of you shall be on every BEAST of the earth**, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. **EVERY MOVING THING that LIVES shall be FOOD for YOU**. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs."

- **Deuteronomy 12:15** "However, you may slaughter and eat \_\_\_\_\_ within all your gates, whatever your heart \_\_\_\_\_, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer. Only you shall \_\_\_\_\_ eat the \_\_\_\_\_; you shall pour it on the earth like water."
- **Genesis 1:29-30** "And God said, 'See, I have given you every \_\_\_\_\_ that yields seed which is on the face of the earth, and every \_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_ yields seed; to you it shall be for \_\_\_\_\_. Also, to every \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, to every \_\_\_\_\_ of the air, and to \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth, in which there is \_\_\_\_\_, I have given every \_\_\_\_\_ herb for \_\_\_\_\_'; and it was so."

**Definition: "The FEAR of YOU and the DREAD of you shall be on every BEAST of the earth"** - God originally made man and animals to live together in peace, and they all ate only fruit, vegetables and plants. Then came Adam's sin, and the curse upon the earth. It's possible that humans were still vegetarians until after the Flood, but even if not, there were still some leftover peaceful relations between mankind and the animal world. Now, God says, all animals will fear and be in dread of humans. Oh, yes, we know that many animals can be tamed by man and become pets or domestic farm animals, and so forth, but they begin as "wild animals" and must be trained and tamed before they will be our friends. When Jesus returns to the earth and sets up His Millennial Kingdom, the animals will once more be naturally friendly with humans, and no longer poisonous or flesh-eating. This is briefly described in Isaiah chapter 11, as God says He will restore the earth to what it was like in the Garden of Eden.

- **Isaiah 11:6-9** "The \_\_\_\_\_ also shall dwell with the \_\_\_\_\_, the leopard shall lie down with the young \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young \_\_\_\_\_ and the fatling (calf) together; and a little \_\_\_\_\_ shall lead them. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_; their young ones shall lie down together; and the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat \_\_\_\_\_ like the \_\_\_\_\_. The nursing child shall play by the \_\_\_\_\_ hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_"

\_\_\_\_\_ in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

**Definition: "EVERY MOVING THING that LIVES shall be FOOD for YOU"** - In the Garden of Eden, God gave man every plant and fruit-bearing tree as food, but things have drastically changed after the Flood. Some people will try to tell you that we should be vegetarians, because that's the way God planned it in the Garden of Eden. Well, that would be fine if we were still in the Garden of Eden, but we're not! **God makes it very plain that He gives his approval for human beings to eat plants, animals, birds and fish of every kind.** After the Flood, mankind would need the protein of meat and fish, because the whole planet had changed. By the time of Moses, God made distinctions of clean and unclean animals that should not be eaten. Some animals eat rotting flesh of other animals, or are "bottom feeders" and may have diseases and parasites in their flesh as a result of their diet. God gave the Israelites a list of "clean" animals to be eaten that were better for their health, but for all of mankind, it's open season on "every moving thing that lives", and they may be eaten. Even though we don't have to follow the law of Moses in eating certain animals, it would still be wise of us to understand the reasons behind God's prohibition of certain animals for eating.

- **Leviticus 11:46-47** "This is the law of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to distinguish between the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, and between the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ and the animal that may \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_."

**Genesis 9:4** "But you shall not eat flesh with **its LIFE, that is, its BLOOD.**"

- **Deuteronomy 12:23** "Only be sure that you do \_\_\_\_\_ eat the \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_; you may not eat the life with the meat."
- **Leviticus 17:10-11** "And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."

**Definition: "It is the BLOOD that makes ATONEMENT for the SOUL"** - Blood was not to be eaten along with the meat, because the blood was always to be a representative of the blood of Jesus Christ, who would come to wash away our sins. If God had allowed the Israelites to eat blood, as did the heathen nations around them, it would soon become casual and lose its significance in the spiritual sense. Please note, this is a commandment referring to eating animal blood. Don't be confused by cult groups, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, who twist these Scriptures into meaning that they should not have a blood transfusion if they are bleeding to death during surgery, or in an accident. We are no longer under the Old Covenant with its animal sacrifices, anyway, but even if we were, having a blood transfusion to save your life is not "eating animal blood"! Don't let cult groups confuse you by their twisting of Scriptures out of context. The devil has them in bondage to keeping silly rules that make no sense, because it keeps their focus off of the real Jesus and His gospel.

- **Colossians 1:14** "In whom we have \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_, even the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins."
- **Hebrews 9:12** "Not with the blood of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but with His own \_\_\_\_\_ He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal \_\_\_\_\_ [for us]."

**Definition: "ATONEMENT"** - The literal meaning of the word "**atonement**" is **covering** ("kapporah" in Hebrew, as in Yom Kippur). Under the Old Covenant, their sins were only covered temporarily until Christ would come. Now, when we believe in Jesus, and accept His sacrifice on the cross, **our sins are NOT just covered**, they are **REMITTED and TAKEN AWAY COMPLETELY** (REMIT means to release from the guilt or penalty of).