

Sermon Notes

A Fresh Start Genesis 9:1-29

What's New? (Genesis 9:1-17)

- 1. A New Diet (1-4)**
- 2. A New Command (5-7)**
- 3. A New Covenant (8-17)**

What's Not? (Genesis 9:18-29)

For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Where in your life would you like to make a fresh start? Why?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Genesis 9:1-4. As Noah and his family step out into a new world, how has their diet changed? Why do you think God made this change? Why does God forbid humans from eating blood? Why is blood an important theme in the story of the Bible. How does God's command to Noah affect our diet today?
4. Please read Genesis 9:5-7. What is the new command that God gives to Noah? Why do you think He gave this command? Why is this command new? How does the value of each human life shape the way we see the rule of law and government? Abortion? Capital punishment? War?
5. Please read Genesis 9:8-17. What is a covenant? What is the new covenant God makes with Noah? In what ways is this covenant a picture of the covenant God makes with us through Christ? (Isaiah 54:9-10, 2 Tim. 2:13)
6. What else do you think was new about the world after the flood?
7. Please read Genesis 9:18-29. What wasn't new about the world after the flood? What was Ham's sin? How did Ham's sin affect his descendants? How did Shem and Japheth's behavior affect their descendants? Did God curse Canaan for Ham's sin? What do you learn about sin from this chapter?
8. What does this chapter teach about fresh starts?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?