

The Promises of God
Genesis 8:1-22, Pew Bible p. 6
November 23, 2025

I. Looking Forward to God's Promises (V. 1-19)

- A. God's promises require faith in His power.
- B. God's promises require knowledge of His work.
- C. God's promises require trust in His plan.

II. Looking Backward on God's Faithfulness (V. 20-22)

- A. We respond to God's faithfulness by being a living sacrifice.
- B. We respond to God's faithfulness by enjoying Him forever.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 8:1-22.
2. What does verse 1 say about God's ability to keep His promise to save Noah?
 - a. What were some "natural" phenomena occurring in verses 2-5 and how is God at the center of it?
 - b. What does that tell us about God's power over nature then and today?
3. Why do you think God told Noah when the flood would come, but not when it would recede?
 - a. How did Noah respond, according to verses 6-12, to the things he did not know?
 - b. How can we better believe today that God WILL come through even if we do not know how?
4. Why did Noah and his family not exit the ark until verse 18, when the ark had landed on Ararat months earlier in verse 4?
 - a. What does that tell us about the importance of God's timing in His promises?
 - b. What are some of God's promises to us that we are still waiting to be fulfilled?
 - c. How can we hope in these promises better today?
5. Why do you think the first thing Noah did when he got off the ark was to offer a sacrifice to God?
 - a. What should our response be to the things God has done for us?
 - b. How can you better praise God for His faithfulness in your life?
6. What does God's response to Noah's sacrifice in verse 21 say about how much God is blessed by our worship?
 - a. What has God promised you and how has He come through?
 - b. How can you worship God more and better for what He has done in your life?
7. Pray for our church to have faith in God's promises and gratitude for His faithfulness. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.