

TITLE AND NUMBER: 172. My Covenant with YOU!

REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Genesis 9:8 – 11

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.'



LOOKING FURTHER: Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:35

What does this Bible passage tell us?

When we think of the story of Noah, we think of the ark and the gathering in of the animals. We use the story a lot in Sunday school for children. However, it can teach us as adults a great deal.

There are several places in the Bible when God makes a covenant with someone. A covenant is described as 'a binding agreement' or 'a legal contract' – something much deeper than a promise. He made a covenant with Noah, and all the generations after him, that He would not flood the world again.

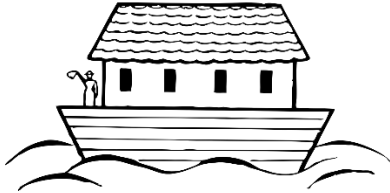
When God was making the world, He examined it and finally, on day six, He looked at the world and 'God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.' (Gen 1:31). However, it was only a few generations later that God looked at the world again, and this time, 'The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become.' (Gen 6:5a). He was so upset that He decided to wipe it all out and start again – with the exception of Noah and his family. 'Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.' (Gen 6:9). So God saved him and his household through the ark.

It is amazing to think that all of us are still under that covenant from God. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. God asks us to 'walk faithfully' with Him as Noah did.

Reflections:

- How has God blessed you? Has He sent people into your life to help you, or encouraged you to keep your faith strong? Make a list and give thanks to Him.
- When we know someone has done something special for us, it makes us feel loved and grateful. We can repay that love by doing something special for other people. Who can you help this week?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

