

A Covenantal Relationship

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Genesis 9:1-13

It's truly a great mystery that the God of the universe would choose to enter into covenant with weak, frail, imperfect humanity. The covenant made with Noah reveals a couple of key components instructive for us. First the covenant between God and Noah was made after a traumatic, life-altering event (the flood). Can you imagine the trauma of not only building an ark but then watching as everyone else died while he and his family were spared? Or living on the ark for months without any land in sight? How grateful Noah must have been to find his feet once again on solid ground. God comes to us when we are at our weakest and most vulnerable. Second, God specifically tells Noah that life is to be protected and preserved. When we read this scripture today, we tend to focus on the penalties for taking a life. However, the greater emphasis here must fall on God's command to protect life. God is a God of life, of renewal, of creation.

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