

DESCENT

A STUDY OF GENESIS 4-11

Dry Land
Genesis 8:1-19
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But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. - **Genesis 8:1**

I. GOD REMEMBERS

- God never forgets. And it isn't just Noah and his family he remembers — he remembers the animals as well (Vs. 1; Gen. 1:20-25; Duet. 25:4; Psalm 50:10-11; Prov. 27:23; Matt. 6:26).
- In scripture, God “remembering” always implies his movement toward the object of his memory. God “remembered” here is to say that he faithfully kept his promise to Noah (B. Childs, SCM Studies in Biblical Theology, No. 37, 1962. p. 34).
- God saves, but Noah and his family must practice significant patience (2 Peter 3:9).
- Noah receives direct revelation from the Creator, but he also gets information from creatures. The raven and the dove help Noah assess the world around him (Ex. 18; Josh. 2:1-2; Luke 12:27-34; Acts 15:1-35).
- Once again, the exact details and narrative style do not lend themselves toward the retelling of a myth.

II. BRAND NEW DAY

- Here we have a second beginning of Genesis (Vss. 16-19; cf. Gen. 1:28).
- This new day brought salvation. Noah and his family are saved — promises made are now promises kept (Vss. 16-19).
- God promises us salvation in our new day as well. The promise is “for you and your children” (Acts 2:37-41).
- The promise of salvation of households is clearly a generalized promise, but one that should bring us encouragement (Acts 10:24, 16:25-34).
- God is not slow in keeping his promises, but he is patient. He desires all to be saved (2 Peter 3:8-13).

KNOW: As God promised, Noah and his family are saved. As promised, we (and our families) will be saved as well.

DO: Know that God is a saving God. Trust in that, for you and your family.

Suggested Reading:

For Children:

**God's Mighty Acts in Salvation* by Starr Meade

**The Bible's Big Story: Salvation History for Kids* by James M. Hamilton Jr.

For Adults:

**Basic Christianity* by John R.W. Stott

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read Genesis 8:1-19

1. What stands out to you in our narrative from Sunday?
2. What natural force does God utilize to help dry out the land (see verse 1). Any significance to this?
3. Why, do you think, is Noah so intent on determining when the waters have recessed when he is ultimately waiting for God to invite his family off the ark?
4. Does God care about the animal world? What is our responsibility to them?
5. Noah and his family are saved. What steps are you taking to see to the salvation of your own family?
6. What specifically can you apply to your own life from this message/scripture?