

## Genesis 6 – 9

### Week 4

**Opening Question:** What is one animal you would have left off of the ark?

**Tell them:** This week we heard from Genesis 6 – 9. Pastor Michael gave us 4 points to summarize this passage.

**1. God Hits the reset button:** Pastor Michael talked about the flood being a picture of God hitting the reset button on humanity. God said, “Their sin had ‘ruined them.’”

**Ask them:** *How would you define sin?*

**Tell them:** One way to describe it is saying that sin is disagreement with God and not doing what He commands. Pastor Michael said because of sin, God rebooted humanity with the flood, but this wasn’t the first reboot. There was a soft reset before this. *Do you remember what it was?*

**Tell them:** The first soft reboot came after the Edenic covenant was broken.

**Ask them:** *Do you remember what that covenant was?* **Tell them:** The Edenic covenant was the agreement God made with Adam in the garden:

- to rule over creation
- to be fruitful and multiply
- to only eat plants
- and not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

**Tell them:** Humanity broke this first covenant when they ate from the tree and so God made another covenant with Adam. If you did the Genesis Bible study for week 3, then maybe you remember what the name of that covenant with Adam was.

**Tell them:** It was called the Adamic Covenant. It states that:

- Satan becomes the enemy of Eve and her descendants
- childbirth becomes painful for women
- marriage becomes be a struggle
- the soil is cursed
- Survival becomes a struggle
- and death is inescapable, but the gospel of grace is promised

**2. The kindness of God in His covenant.** **Tell them:** Now here in Genesis 6, we see another covenant God makes. It’s called the Noahic Covenant. We see it starting in Genesis 9:8.

**Ask them:** *Who is the covenant between? What is the sign of the covenant?*

*“God said to Noah and his sons, “Look! I now confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, including the birds, the domestic animals, and every living creature of the earth with you, all those*

that came out of the ark with you—every living creature of the earth. I confirm my covenant with you: **Never again will all living things be wiped out by the waters of a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth.**” And God said, “This is the guarantee of the covenant I am making with you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all subsequent generations: I will place my rainbow in the clouds, and it will become a guarantee of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, then I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures of all kinds. Never again will the waters become a flood and destroy all living things.” (Genesis 9:8–15)

**Ask them:** *How do you see the kindness of God in His covenant?*

**3. The fourth son of Ham is cursed: Tell them:** In Genesis 9:20-29 we find out that the fourth son of Ham, Canaan, is cursed after his father walks in on Noah drunk and naked. The fourth is the youngest, not the eldest son. Michael gave us 3 possible reasons for this curse falling on Canaan. **Ask them:** Do you remember them?

- a) Maybe Ham made it so his dad couldn't have more children. **Ask them:** *How does this explain why the 4<sup>th</sup> son of Ham would have been cursed?*
- b) Or maybe Great shame was laid on nakedness.
- c) Or perhaps Ham did something very sketchy with dad.

**Tell them:** All we know is Ham did something unfaithful and the other two sons of Noah did not.

**Ask them:** *What do we learn about Noah in this passage (Genesis 9:20-29)?*

*“Noah, a man of the soil, began to plant a vineyard. When he drank some of the wine, he got drunk and uncovered himself inside his tent. Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers who were outside. Shem and Japheth took the garment and placed it on their shoulders. Then they walked in backwards and covered up their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so they did not see their father's nakedness. When Noah awoke from his drunken stupor he learned what his youngest son had done to him. So he said, “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves he will be to his brothers.” He also said, “Worthy of praise is the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem! May God enlarge Japheth's territory and numbers! May he live in the tents of Shem and may Canaan be his slave!” After the flood Noah lived 350 years. The entire lifetime of Noah was 950 years, and then he died.” (Genesis 9:20–29, NET)*

**Ask them:** *How does what we learn about the only 'blameless man on earth' confirm the gospel?*

**Tell them:** Let's look at Romans 3:10-18: *“There is no one righteous, not even one, there is no one who understands, there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, not even one.” “Their throats are open graves, they deceive with their tongues, the poison of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” “Their feet*

*are swift to shed blood, ruin and misery are in their paths, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” (Romans 3:10–18)*

**Ask them:** *How have we seen Romans 3:10 proven true so far in Genesis?*

**Ask them:** *How does this prepare the way for a Savior?*

**Tell them:** *Let’s look at how the Bible explains it: “So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all people because **all sinned**—for before the law was given, sin was in the world, but there is no accounting for sin when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam until Moses even over those who did not sin in the same way that Adam (who is a type of the coming one) transgressed. 15 But the gracious gift is not like the transgression. For if **the many died through the transgression of the one man**, how much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ multiply to the many! 16 And the gift is not like the one who sinned. For **judgment, resulting from the one transgression**, led to **condemnation**, but the **gracious gift** from the many failures led to **justification**. 17 For if, by the transgression of the one man, death reigned through the one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ!” (Romans 5:12–17, NET)*

**Ask them:** *What does this passage tell us about humanity’s sin nature? (all sin)*

**Ask them:** *Do you see another archetype of Christ in this passage? (Adam)*

**Ask them:** *What do verses 15 & 16 say are the results of transgression? (death, judgement and condemnation)*

**Ask them:** *What does verse 16 say the ‘gracious gift’ leads to? (justification)*

**Tell them:** Pastor Michael finished with asking, “**What can we learn from Gen 6 – 9?**”

**Ask them:** *Does anyone remember what he said?*

1. **There is no end to God’s holiness but there is an end to God’s patience.**
  - a. **Ask them:** *What do you think he meant by that?*
2. **God never breaks His promises (covenants) with us even if we do.**
  - a. **Tell them:** Pastor Michael said: A broken covenant has consequences.
  - b. **Ask them:** What do you think that means?
3. **Don’t let your success or survival lead you to be unfaithful.**
  - a. **Ask them:** *Do you remember what Michael said what happens after success?*
4. **Don’t miss the boat. Tell them: Pastor Michael said,** “When we avoid faithfulness and righteousness we miss the opportunity of God singling us out for the rescue mission.” **Ask them:** In what ways do you rest on your laurels after a big win or a hard job that might cause you to miss the opportunities God may be giving you?

**Jesus is a little bit Noah and a lot Ark.**

**Tell them:** An archetype of Christ is a person or thing that foreshadows the life of Christ. Pastor Michael said that both Noah and the ark can be seen as an archetype of Christ. **Ask them:** *In what ways can you see that?*

**Remind them to:** Read Genesis 10-12 for next week and encourage them to check out the Bible study that corresponds to this week on [achurchforyou.com/questions](http://achurchforyou.com/questions).