

IN THE BEGINNING
Part Forty-Six: The Beginning of a New World

Text: Gen. 8:20-22

I. THE BEGINNING OF NEW _____ (vs. 20)

- The _____ thing Noah did after leaving the Ark was to worship.
- Application: The right way to start _____ new thing is with worship.

II. THE BEGINNING OF NEW _____ (vs. 21)

- “The Lord smelled a sweet savor” = God _____ Noah’s worship and set aside His wrath in favor of mercy.
- “The imagination of his heart is evil from his youth” = God decides to help us because we are _____ to help ourselves.

III. THE BEGINNING OF A NEW _____ (vs. 21-22)

- A dispensation = a _____ style of God in which He deals with people in a certain way at a certain time.
- God said He would no longer judge the sin of the human race with a new _____ or another global _____.
- Vs. 22, “while the earth remaineth” = a set end _____ on that mercy.

IV. THE BEGINNING OF NEW _____ (vs. 22)

- As a result of the Flood, _____ patterns were transformed across the globe, including:
 - New climate zones,
 - A new way of distributing _____ across the earth in the atmospheric water cycle,
 - Beautiful new climate variations each year called _____.
- Application: God’s mercies make things _____. He is so good, He can bring good endings out of bad _____.
 - When you receive the mercies of God in _____, He gives you a new birth, a new washing from sin, a new life, a new gift, and a new you (Titus 3:5-6, Isa. 55:6-7).

V. THE BEGINNING OF A NEW _____ (vs. 22)

- God also decided that the new weather and seasonal patterns He had created would continue _____ until the end of the earth itself.
- The fact that we enjoy any stability at all or that _____ is still possible at all on the earth is because of the mercies of God (Ps. 119:64a).

APPLICATIONS

- Two right responses:

1. We should never stop _____ the mercies of God (Ps. 145:8-10).

- We should never stop _____ for them, thanking God for them, telling others about them, and _____ on them:
 - When we’re tempted to see only the mess (Ps. 23:6).
 - When we’re tempted to look at all our imperfections, failings, and bad _____ (Ps. 94:17-19).
 - When we’re tempted to give up because we’ve messed up by _____ (Prov. 28:13).
 - When we’re tempted to depend on ourselves in _____ (Ps. 33:16-18, 22).
 - When we’re tempted to stop _____ and sharing with others (Ps. 89:1).
 - When we’re tempted to doubt whether Jesus is really _____ soon (Jd. 1:20-21).

2. We should never stop expressing our _____ upon God through humble, thankful worship and _____ prayer (Ps. 95:6-7a).

- That kind of worship allows God to _____ out special mercies into our lives and those of others (Heb. 4:16).