

## MESSAGE FROM THE WORD

Genesis 8:18-22

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*18 So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds — everything that moves on the earth — came out of the ark, one kind after another.*

*20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.*

*22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

### The LORD's Thanksgiving Promise

#### 1. Promise At A Difficult Time

- Past full of wickedness and destruction
  - Then
  - Now
- Present offers hopelessness
  - Then
  - Now

- Future surely uncertain / bleak
  - Then
  - Now

#### 2. Promise In Response To Thankful Hearts

- First things first:
  - *20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD....*
- Give from what blessings one has
  - *Taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds....*
- Total offering to the LORD
  - *He sacrificed burnt offerings....*
  - With our hands
  - From our heart
  - Accepted by the LORD

#### 3. Promise To The Family of Noah

- From the LORD to the LORD
  - *21 The LORD... and said in his heart....*
- From the LORD to the world
  - *"Never again will I curse... never again will I destroy...."*
- From the LORD to the family of Noah
  - *22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*