

## Lesson VI.

## GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH

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Genesis 9 : 8-17. Study Genesis 8 : 1 to 9 : 17—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

**Golden Text**—I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.—Genesis 9 : 13.



8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you ;

10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you ; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And I will establish my covenant with you ; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood ; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant, which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations :

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud :

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh ; and the waters shall

no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud ; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

17 And God said unto No'ah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

All the time the flood lasted, the great ark carrying Noah and his family and the different animals floated safely on the water, until at last it rested upon a high mountain called Ararat. Then God caused a wind to blow, and the waters dried up until the tops of the mountains appeared.

When Noah knew the rain was over, he opened the window, and out of it he let fly a raven, thinking it would come back again if it could find no place to alight. But the raven never returned. Then Noah sent out a dove. Doves cannot fly as long as ravens can, and Noah knew if she did not find anywhere to rest she would come back and he would know that the waters still covered the earth. The dove found no place to rest or food to eat and soon returned to the ark.

After seven days Noah sent the dove out again. This time when she returned, she bore in her beak an olive leaf which showed

Noah that the tops of the trees were now showing. Seven days more passed, and once more the dove was sent out, but this time she did not return, so Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looking out saw that at last the earth was dry.

Then God called to Noah to come out of the ark ; so he and his family opened the door and with all the animals came out once more into the bright sunshine. And at once, with grateful hearts they built an altar and offered up sacrifices and thanks to God for His goodness in saving them all from death.

God afterwards spoke to Noah and made a covenant or agreement with him. He said that if Noah and his children and his children's children would worship and serve Him only, they should increase and be blessed and possess the whole world. The fish of the sea and the fowls of the air and the beasts of the