



THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 8:1-22, Message 28

Today we enter into Genesis chapter 8. As we set our sights on the text it is important that we realize that God does not do anything random, by chance or coincidence. Throughout scripture God's use of numbers are purposed, they have special meaning. _____ is the number God uses to designate a "new beginning." Just as the eighth day of the week marks the _____ day of the week—a new _____, so Genesis chapter 8 marks a new beginning for _____. As we consider the following events, let's keep our focus on the Lord and his desire for us to experience a new beginning with him today.

A NEW BEGINNING

1. The narrative – all things new

- Verses 1-3
 - And God _____ Noah...
 - He made a wind to pass over the earth; he also _____ the rain from falling

- Verses 4-5
 - The ark _____ on the 17th day of the 7th month
 - This is a testimony that the flood was worldwide and not localized as skeptics claim...

- Verses 6-12
 - He sent forth a _____
 - He sent forth a _____

- Verses 13-14
 - Behold, the face of the ground was _____...

- Verses 15-19
 - God says, "Go forth of the ark..."

- Verses 20-22

- Noah _____ God

He puts God before all else; God is his _____ priority

He is _____ to God

He is _____ to God

2. Conclusion

- New life application

- The ark is a type of _____ that gives new life – 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Our new life marks a _____ beginning – Galatians 2:20; 5:24; 6:14

- A new beginning is a time to be _____ – Ps. 136; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:18; 2 Thess. 2:13