

20210926 THE PLEASING AROMA

Genesis 8:20-21

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.

AROMA THAT PLEASES GOD – THE LAMB OF GOD FOR US

Ephesians 1:5

“⁵ In love God predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.”

GOSPEL FROM THE BEGINNING

Genesis 3:15

“¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Genesis 4:3-5

“³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord.

⁴ But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.”

GOD WHO WAITS FOR US

The long length of God’s waiting only reveals God’s patience and His kindness toward human beings.

Genesis 7:11-13

“¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

¹² And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

¹³ On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.”

2 Peter 2:5

“⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;”

HOW TO LIVE IN CHRIST WHO IS THE PLEASING AROMA TO GOD FOR US

Ephesians 5:1-10

“¹ Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children

² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.

⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a man is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord."