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Lesson: Genesis 7-9

We should never forget how powerful and mighty God is. His grace and mercy are never ending but let us not forget His righteousness. God is just and lawful and He commands order because of His love for us. In these chapters we see that God causes a flood to destroy all those on the earth because evil was rampant and caused disorder. People had turned away from what is right and good “So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive” (Genesis 7: 23).

In God's wrath His righteousness prevailed and the wicked were punished. God is omniscient, and He knows our hearts and the good in us even when we don't know it, but God also knows evil. He knows what it is and where it is. He knows the unrepentant- those showing no regret for their wrongdoings, and the defiant, and He will always seek out wickedness and destroy it.

After the flood, Noah showed reverence to God by building an alter to God and sacrificing burnt offerings (Genesis 8: 20) and God was pleased with Noah's show of love and respect. The soothing aroma of the burnt offering soothed God, “Then the Lord said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth” (Genesis 8: 21). God is so very

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deserving of our love and respect and He deserves to be shown how much we love Him not only in our hearts but with out loud expressions of love and respect as Noah did. We no longer need to present animal sacrifices because of the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins. But let us pour out the love in our hearts for Him with outward praise and worship. Let's honor Him and proclaim His name out loud.

After Noah's offering, we see the blessing of Noah and his family with a new covenant. We see God presenting us with responsibility and control and instructions to have order among ourselves. God placed the animals in our power, instructed us to respect lifeblood, punish murder, and to respect the life of mankind because we are made in His image (Genesis 9: 2-6). And God established his covenant with us to never destroy the earth with flood waters as He did before, "Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth" (Genesis 9: 11). God then provided us with a beautiful reminder of His promise, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life" (Genesis 9: 12-15). What an awesome way to reveal His presence to us with this reminder, and how wonderful that God desired to provide confirmation of His promise to us and Himself, showing that we're in this together with Him.

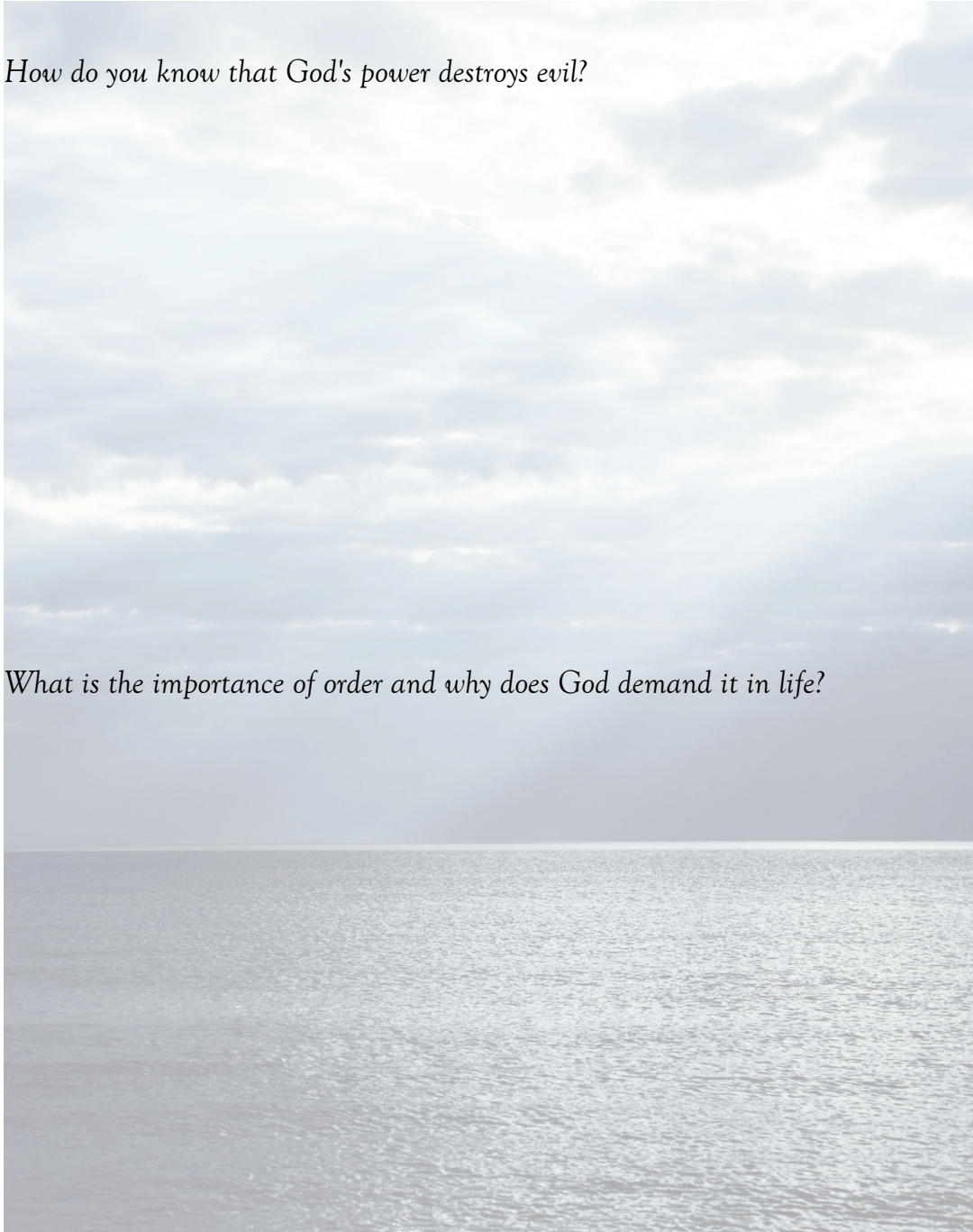
Take-away: God destroys evil/ God restores order/ God is soothed by our show of love and respect toward Him/ God honors His promises.

Devotional

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How do you know that God's power destroys evil?

What is the importance of order and why does God demand it in life?



Devotional

How do you feel about honoring God? Is it something your heart is drawn to do to offer thanks and praise to Him and to declare your love for Him?

What promises has God honored in your life?