

Describe a time when you had made such a mess of things that you had to completely start over.

The first 9 chapters of the Bible tell the story of creation, de-creation, and re-creation. How does this three-fold plot line describe your story?

How is God re-creating you from things that brought death and destruction to an earlier version of you?

1) Build your altar. (8:20-22)

In scripture, Altars were built by men who recognized they had been made the object of God's grace. It was where God gave men grace to begin again.

Can you think of times you have been so overwhelmed by God's grace to you that you had to stop what you were doing just to worship?

What would it look like for you to 'build an altar' in response to God's grace to you today?

It is God's grace that allows men whose heart are "evil from their youth" to offer a "pleasing aroma" to the Lord. Is it hard for you to believe your life could produce a pleasing aroma to God? What could you offer to God today that would bring him pleasure?

2) Remember your covenant. (9:1-17)

Read Jeremiah 31:31-34. Beginning again starts with a covenant relationship with God who promises he will remember your sins against you no more. The evidence that you are in covenant relationship with God is his law governs your heart.

Are you confident you are in a covenant relationship with God?

Read Isa. 54:7-10. How does the thought of God's unconditional love for you motivate you to pursue a closer relationship with God?

3) Protect your legacy. (9:18-29)

Noah's lack of moderation had disastrous results on his children and grandchildren.

How were you impacted by your father's legacy? Have you had to overcome consequences of your father's shameful choices?

What impact are your choices making on your children and grandchildren?

Read Proverbs 23:29-35. What affect has alcohol had on you or those you love? Has someone you love told you that you drink too much? (If so, YOU DRINK TOO MUCH!) Should you limit your freedom to ensure you leave a legacy of blessing to your children? What other changes must you make to ensure you leave a godly legacy?

Additional Scripture

- Hebrews 10:10-16
- Hebrews 13:15
- 2Corinthians 2:14-16
- Romans 12:1-2
- Jeremiah 31:31-37
- Psalm 25:14
- Isaiah 54:7-14
- Proverbs 20:1
- Proverbs 23:29-35
- Ephesian 6:1-4
- Colossians 3:20-12
- Proverbs 10:1