

The Sower's Assurance

Genesis 8:20-22 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. 22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

- In this passage, we see the first mention of an altar in all of scripture. Altars are places designated, created, and erected for the exclusive worship of a deity. For Noah, the altar he built was to reverence and honor Elohim for preserving his life and his family's lives amid the worldwide flood.
- **It is God's responsibility to produce the miraculous in our lives; however, it is our responsibility to reverence and honor him for his miraculous power.**
- After the altar is completed, Noah selects the most preferred clean animals and birds, then sacrifices them to Elohim on the altar.
- **The only way our offering can be considered a sacrifice is if it is something we would have preferred to use ourselves in a different way.**
- In response to Noah's sacrifice, God smells the sweet aroma of sacrifice and obedience, and determines that on the account of Noah, he would never curse the world in the same way again, and not only that, he enacted a divine process to assure that every seed that is sown and every sacrifice that is made, will see its benefit.
- **When our offerings of sacrifice and obedience are accepted by God, he will ensure that we receive the harvest that he intended.**
- I pray that you lean into God to the degree that he orchestrates new systems on your behalf.