

Genesis Ch. 9

V: 1 This is very similar to how God blessed Adam and Eve, prior to their fall.

Genesis 1:28 “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- A blessing and a commandment: be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth.
- Quite contrary to what the pagan left decrees today, too many people, we need to reduce the population to “acceptable levels”.

“said to them” – God started out speaking to Noah.

- Noah was obedient to God’s voice. Noah’s sons are obedient to their father, eventually God speaks to them as well.

V: 2 Fear & terror instilled into the animals regarding mankind.

Psalm 8:6 “You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet,”

- This was likely needed to protect either man or the animals.

V: 3 No dietary restrictions at this point – it’s all good on the BBQ!

- Later the Levitical laws would restrict the children of Israel from certain foods, such as pork, shrimp, and other foods that were declared “unclean”.
- Further still, the Levitical laws were removed – by the sacrifice of the Law Giver.

Acts 10:9-16 Peter’s vision – roof top / Joppa @ Simon the tanner’s house – “rise, Peter, kill and eat.” – “What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

Paul exhorts us:

1 Corinthians 8:8 “But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.”

- While there were beneficial aspects to the dietary laws, disease control for one – this was secondary to the real purpose of the Law.
- That God’s people would be seen to act and live differently from the rest of the world.
- There was intended to be a distinction between God’s people and the rest of the world.

Deuteronomy 14:2 “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God, and the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a peculiar people / special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

- With the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the birth of the church of Acts – that distinction is removed because:

Galatians 3:28 “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

- But the restriction against blood remains even until this day.

V: 4 2nd command: You shall not eat / drink blood – flesh with it’s life.

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for our souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul?”

- This command is later repeated in the Law, we are not to partake of the blood of animals or men – because that is the essence of the life, which belongs to God.

The New Testament church of Acts continued to abide by the restriction against the consumption of blood:

Acts 15:28-29 “²⁸For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ²⁹that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

- Eat the meat, pour out the blood.
- We’re not to consume the blood of animals, or sinful man – we’re not to have their lives in us.
- We are only to consume the blood of Jesus, to have His life in us – and only His life.

John 6:53-55 “⁵³Then Jesus said to them, most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”

John 14:6

John 14:6 “Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man comes to the Father except by Me.”

V: 5-6 God will hold accountable those who shed men’s blood, whether an animal or another man.

- Later in the Law, this is codified:

Exodus 21:12 “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.”

Exodus 21:28 “If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be acquitted.”

- Whoever shed’s a man’s blood, his blood shall be shed – capital punishment.
- Because man is made in the image of God Himself.
- God institutes civil government for the purpose of enforcing His command regarding capital punishment.

This is later expanded to include:

- Approaching God in an unworthy, on non-prescribed manner (Ex. 19:12, Num. 1:51, 3:10)
Mt. Sinai, strange fire, entering the Holy Place.
- Blasphemy. (Lev. 24:15)
- Break Sabbath. (Ex. 31:14, Num. 15:35)
- False Prophet (Deut. 13:5, 9)
- Disobedience to priestly counsel: (Deut. 17:12)
- Adultery. (Lev. 19:20, Lev. 20:10)
- Homosexuality. (Lev. 20:13)
- Abortion – giving thy seed to Molech. (Lev. 20:2)
- Rape (Deut. 22:25)
- Incest (Lev. 20:11)
- Bestiality. (Ex. 22:19, Lev. 20:15)
- Rebellion against, striking, or cursing parents. (Ex. 21:15, 17; Lev. 20:9)
- Kidnapping / slavery (Ex. 21:16)
- Witchcraft / wizardry (Lev. 20:27)

V: 5 – cont.

- God establishes capital punishment through human government – because of the sacredness of life.

(V: 5 cont.)

- Sacred in part because man is made in His image.
- God makes provision for accidents, manslaughter – cities of refuge, etc.

God establishes three institutions for mankind:

1. Marriage.
2. Civil government.
3. The Church.

V: 7 Be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly – some people make the accusation that God is against sex – that is not the case – He invented it.

- Sexual / intimate relations are intended to be a blessing to us – within the confines of the institution of marriage – one man and one woman.

V:8 Again God speaks to both Noah and his sons with him.

V: 9-17 God's one sided covenant with His creation.

Covenant used 7X's.

“covenant” (H 1285). beriyth, a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh):--confederacy, agreement, alliance.

^{1st} use / mention:

Genesis 6:18 “But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark – you, your sons, your wife, and your son's wives with you.”

Last use / mention:

Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.”

“My covenant” 3X's.

- Covenant between God and man. V: 9
- Covenant between God and every living creature – animals. V: 10
- Covenant between God and the earth. V: 13

V: 11 Never again will God use a flood to destroy the earth. – Global, not local!

V: 12-14 The sign of the covenant – the rainbow.

- The phrase “rainbow” / “bow” is used three times here in this chapter, it is miscellaneously translated not only as the rainbow that we associate with the end of a rainy day – but also as an instrument of war.

We see the rainbow at the throne of God:

Ezekiel 1:26-28 ²⁶“And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. ²⁷Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with the brightness all around. ²⁸Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, ...”

Revelation 4:2-3 ²“Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. ³And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.”

Revelation 10:1 “I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.”

- The last time we saw the Lord Jesus wearing a crown, it was a crown of thorns – a reminder of the curse, Jesus bearing the sin of the world.
- Here Jesus is wearing the rainbow as a crown – a reminder of God’s promises to us, a reminder of salvation.

V: 15 God keeps His promises:

Isaiah 54:10 “For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has mercy on you.”

V: 18-29 Noah’s descendants.

V: 18 “Noah” – rest, comfort.

Shem: “Name” – Lineage of the Jewish nation, Abraham to the Messiah.

Ham: “Hot” – lineage of the Cushites, Egyptians, and Canaanites.

Japheth: “May he have peace” / “opened” – lineage of the Europeans.

V: 19 The whole earth has been populated / descended from these three men.

V: 20 Mid-life career change: 600 years old, carpenter and zoologist to farmer.

V: 21 1st sailor was also the 1st drunkard.

- Some have suggested that because the world climate had changed and the effect of decomposition was now in force that the fermentation process of grape juice had hitherto not been known.
- That Noah had become drunk by accident, never having experienced intoxicating alcohol.

Testimony: I've never been truly drunk in my life – buzz one time after a work out, ordered “ice tea” – Long Island Ice Tea – uh oh.... (I never inhaled...)

- Bottom line: Noah had just experienced a great victory, he had just gone through a great trial, faithfully, obediently – Noah was on top of the game in a spiritual sense.
- That is usually when we let down our guard.
- The camp experience, the mountain top high, then the return to the depths of the valley.

1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Jesus and his disciples were in Caesarea Philippi

Apostle Peter: Matthew 16 ¹⁷ “Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ “And I also say to you that you are Peter / ^{Petros}, and on this rock / ^{petra} I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

²³ “... get behind me, Satan! You are an offense to Me...”

King David / Bathsheba – 2 Samuel

1. David dances before the Ark as it is returned to its proper place.
 2. David's desire to build a house for the Lord, and the Lord's promise to David.
 3. David's military victories, and his kindness to Mephibosheth.
- Salvation, baptism, victory over sin, a great trial, God showing Himself strong on our behalf.
 - This incident brings up several issues: alcohol, modesty, respect for authority, elders, etc.

Prov. 20:1 Mocker

Proverbs 20:1 “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”

Proverbs 23:29-35 (turn to)

- Not forbidden in moderation, but paints a very negative picture.
- It is forbidden to leadership – not for kings, not for priests.
- Priest 647f in Tabernacle (Lev. 10:9)

Modesty: Scouts / Jr. High / High School

Respectful: give honor to whom honor is due.

V: 22 Ham saw his father’s nakedness and blabbed.

“saw” – gazed intently – stared. Looked upon with satisfaction.

Proverbs 12:23 “A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims foolishness.”

- 5th Commandment: “Honor your father, and your mother”
- There is a degree of disrespect, and possibly even contempt for his father.
- Lacked meekness, did not correct the problem.

V: 23 “But” – contrast: Shem & Japeth out of respect for their father, a sense of decorum & modesty.

V: 24-25 Awoke and conducted a cursory investigation, talking to his wife and sons – then pronounced a curse upon Canaan.

- Canaan had received his father’s traits.

V: 29 Noah dies. 350 year gap – no record of God speaking to Noah...
Parallels between Adam & Noah:

1. Both commanded to fill the earth.
2. Both given control over the earth.
3. Both ancestors of all men.
4. Both sinned by partaking of fruit.
5. Both became naked as a result of their sin.
6. Both provided a covering / clothes by someone else.
7. Both resulted in a curse that lasted.
8. Both had the promise of ultimate salvation.