

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

GENESIS 9:1-17

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INTRODUCTION:

1. God's decided never to destroy the world again by a global flood "*although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth*" (Gen. 8.21).
2. Mankind got a second beginning which began in a very familiar way.
 - a) **GENESIS 9.1:** "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth*" (cf. Gen. 1.28).
 - b) **GENESIS 9.3:** "*Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you*" (cf. Gen. 1.29)
 - c) **GENESIS 9.4:** "*But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.*" (cf. Gen. 2.16,17)

I. COMMANDS

- A. Commandment #1: Repopulate the earth.
 1. **GENESIS 9.1:** "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.*"
 2. From Ham, Shem, and Japheth, came all the nations and languages of the earth. (Gen. 9.19; 10.5,20,31,32)
 3. Which one was the start the genealogy of Christ? (Luke 3.36, Gen. 11.10,26,27)
- B. Commandment #2: Do not consume the blood of animals.
 1. Man was now permitted to eat flesh. (Gen. 9.2,3; cf. Gen. 1.29)
 2. But there was an exception. **GENESIS 9.4:** "*You shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.*" This was a universal law. (Deut. 12.23; Acts 15.18-20)
 3. What was the reason for this restriction?
 - a) **LEVITICUS 17.11:** "*for the life of the flesh is in the blood.*" (v. 14)
 - b) **LEVITICUS 17.11:** "*it is the blood that makes atonement for your souls.*"
 4. Even today, our life is found in the blood of Jesus.
 - a) Blood ratifies the covenant between God and His people. (Ex. 24.8; Matt. 26.26-28)
 - b) Blood cleanses us from sins. (Heb. 9.7,22; 1 John 1.7)
- C. Commandment #3: Do not shed the blood of man.
 1. **GENESIS 9.5-7:** "*Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning*"
 2. Murders of note in the Bible (Gen. 4.8,11; 1 John 3.12; Acts 7.57-59; 9.1; 5.30; 7.52)
 3. Murder is a command that is written on the heart. (Rom. 2.12-16)
 4. If man is just a higher form of animal, why is it wrong to murder? (Gen. 9.6,7)

II. COVENANT

- A. The scope of the covenant.
 1. Covenant: An agreement or contract between two or more parties. Sometimes translated as "testament."
 - a) The Old Testament vs the New Testament. (Heb. 8.7-13)
 - b) Unconditional covenants: kept regardless of our choices. (Gen. 12.1-4)
 - c) Conditional covenants: kept conditioned on obedience. (Deut. 4.13; 7.12)
 2. To whom was the covenant made? (Gen. 9.8-10; cf. v. 19)
 3. How long will this covenant last? (Gen. 9.11; cf. 8.21)
- B. The sign of the covenant.
 1. **GENESIS 9.12:** "*the sign of the covenant.*" (Gen. 9.13,17)
 2. What is a sign? (Matt. 16.1-4; 24.3,36-39; Acts 2.22)
 3. **GENESIS 9.13:** "*I set My rainbow in the cloud.*"
 4. The rainbow was a reminder to God. (Gen. 9.14-17; cf. Gen. 8.1; 1 Cor. 11.23-26)