

# Genesis - Lesson 09

Genesis Chapter 9

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Memory verses for this week: *Psa 140:12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor.*

**Introduction:** We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we study the new beginning of life after Noah and his family and the animals come off the ark.

## I. The New Life for Man on the Earth

**Gen 9:1** *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

God remembers and blesses Noah. Noah was the "heir of righteousness which is by faith." as mentioned in Heb. 11:7

*Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

After the destruction of all things outside the ark there was a new beginning. It was all because of God's grace. God could have destroyed everyone, but gave grace to Noah and his family. He gave a provision for the increase of the human family. There is a repeated expression of wanting man to be fruitful and multiply by God toward His creation.

A few verses with those promises are:

**Gen 1:28** *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

**Gen 9:1** *And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

**Gen 17:20** *And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.*

**Gen 35:11** *And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a*

*nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;*

Every ordinance of God is holy. Many want to ignore what God has to say about Marriage, but God made marriage a Divine institution.

*Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;*

*Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

*Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

*Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.*

Not only is it a divine institution, but marriage is a sacred institution and is to be a permanent institution. Government leaders want this to be changed to fit the mindset of a few in the world, but God established marriage and any other definition will never be recognized in God's sight.

*Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.*

*1Co 7:39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.*

***Rom 7:1*** *Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*

*Rom 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.*

*Gen 9:2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

*Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

*Gen 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

God provided provision for the sustenance of the human family. As Adam was given orders in the garden of Eden, Noah is given these same instructions that man was to rule over every living thing. This does not mean that the beast would never rise up against man. But it meant that man has reign over animal life as a whole

The bible gives us records where at times God administered judgment by the beast.

*1Ki 13:23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.*

*1Ki 13:24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.*

*1Ki 13:25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.*

*1Ki 20:35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.*

*1Ki 20:36 Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.*

In the New Testament, we have a record of a man being eaten of worms after the angel of the Lord smote the king for not giving God the glory.

*Act 12:21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.*

*Act 12:22 And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.*

*Act 12:23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.*

Normally animals instinctively fear man. God told Noah in verse 2 that "Into your hand are they delivered" and certain animals were to be domesticated. However, there were restrictions of some things.

*Gen 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

Blood is the life of the living. It was years before medical doctors realized this, although it was clearly written here in God's Word for all to see.

*Lev 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

*Lev 17:12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.*

*Lev 17:13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.*

What great Love God demonstrated on Calvary when Christ shed His own blood to pay the penalty for our sins.

*Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

*Luk 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

Christ poured out His soul for us on that cross.

*Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*

God's judgment is upon any man who violently premeditates the death of another.

*Pro 28:17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.*

All of this was later incorporated into the law of Moses. God had reasons for this restriction. It was for the Protection of man from man. It also has symbolic value as the sign of the atoning blood of Christ.

## **II. The Provision For The Protection Of The Human Family**

*Gen 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

*Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*

*Gen 9:7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*

God gave the provision for the protection of the human family for both man and beast. In verse 5, he speaks of the animal world. Before the fall of man this was not needed. There appeared to be harmony among man and beast in the garden of Eden.

*Gen 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

After the fall the animal kingdom was affected by the extreme violence that filled the earth.

*Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

After the flood the "dread of you shall be upon every beast fowl of the air and all that moveth all the fishes . . ." as was mentioned in verse 2 of our text. This was against the world of men. We see God giving a specific commandment against killing man in the 10 commandments.

*Exo 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.*

"Thou shalt not kill." Note the penalty for disobedience. Blood was to be shed for those that shed another man's blood. Since the fall, men must be protected against himself. This began when the first pair of brothers were involved in murder.

*Gen 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*

No longer would man be driven from the presence of the Lord for murder as was Cain but now man would pay life for life. Capital punishment is a Divine Law. I recently read that when capital punishment is performed in the state of Texas, there is a substantial drop in the number of murders for up to 45 days after the execution of the guilty. God's way is always the right way, even though man wants to come up with a better way.

### **III. New Covenant with Man on the Earth**

*Gen 9:8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,*

*Gen 9:9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;*

*Gen 9:10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.*

*Gen 9:11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.*

God created a Covenant Of Life with man. God promised that human life would never again be destroyed in this manner. Nor would the beast of the earth be destroyed by a total flood of the earth.

*Gen 9:12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:*

*Gen 9:13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.*

*Gen 9:14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:*

God sealed the covenant by setting a bow in the clouds. This is an emblem to the preservation of all humanity so long as the earth remains. When you look up and see a rainbow, remember that this is a significant thing. The rainbow reminds us of the

righteousness of God and the sinfulness of man. And that we have a promise of God to never destroy man again by the flood. God's righteous judgment is the reminder of God's grace. We as sinners don't need justice, we need mercy. God gave us that when He sent Christ to pay the penalty of our sins on the cross of Calvary.

#### **IV. A Covenant Of Remembrance**

*Gen 9:15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

*Gen 9:16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.*

*Gen 9:17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.*

God remembered Noah and his family while in the ark.

*Gen 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;*

Now He would remember Noah's posterity and every living thing so long as the earth remained. He establishes a Covenant Between God And All Flesh. This was a Divine emblem for man to see and remember. Also, this covenant is a type of the reconciliation between God and man through Christ.

*2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*2Co 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

*2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

*2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

*2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

#### **V. New Future for Man on the Earth**

*Gen 9:18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.*

*Gen 9:19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.*

*Gen 9:20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:*

All of Noah's family that went into the ark came out safely. We have security with the Lord. God not only remembered Noah but all others in the ark. All of earth's inhabitants are from these three sons of Noah. They were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Noah now engages in the occupation of husbandry. Rather than being pre-occupied with the past he occupied himself with being fruitful and doing what God commanded them to do. In spite of Noah's noble occupation he was not exempt from responsibility.

*Gen 9:21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.*

When things seem to be going well, we need to be cautious. Sin can overtake a man very quickly. We have a record of the sin of Noah and his sons. Noah's sin was not planting a vineyard but in getting drunk. Grapes are like any other fruit and are a blessing from the Lord. But using them wrongly can cause much grief in our lives.

*Pro 20:1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

*Pro 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?*

*Pro 23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.*

*Pro 23:31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.*

*Pro 23:32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.*

Some may argue that Noah did not know about the reaction of nature after the flood. But he did know about sinful man.

*Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

Even though there was a new beginning and a new world there was still the same sinful nature of man.

*Gen 9:22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.*

*Gen 9:23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.*

*Gen 9:24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.*

*Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.*

*Gen 9:26 And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his*

*servant.*

*Gen 9:27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.*

## **VI. The Sin Of Ham And The Curse Of Canaan**

Why does God record this incident? It was recorded for a warning and because there was both blessing and cursing upon man. Man would have tried to cover up this incident.

Canaan, the son of Ham, received the curse. According to verse 26, Shem was to possess Canaan. Israel was a descendant of Shem. The Canaanites were descendants of Ham through Canaan.

*Gen 10:6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.*

Verse 27 says that Japheth would be enlarged. "Enlarge" is from the Hebrew word pathah and means to make roomy and/or extend. Japheth's descendants are scattered around the world and many are in the most prosperous lands.

## **VII. Noah's Long Life**

*Gen 9:28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.*

*Gen 9:29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.*

Noah lived a very long life. It says he lived only 19 years short of Methuselah's age. He had the longest recorded life span in the bible.

*Gen 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.*

Without doubt Noah honored his ancestors while they lived.

*Eph 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*

*Eph 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*

Noah lived just 2 years short of Abraham's birth. Shem died only 20 years before Abraham's death.

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What was God's command to Noah and his family concerning human life upon the earth?

*Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

2. What was God's provision for the sustenance of human life?



*Gen 9:3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

3. What was the provision for the protection of the human family from the animal world? From other men?

*Gen 9:5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.*

*Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*

4. What new covenant did God make with Noah?

A covenant of life. Never again would man or beast be destroyed by a total flood of the earth.

5. What emblem did God place before man as a sign of His preservation?

Rainbow

6. Of what is this emblem a type?

The rainbow reminds us of the righteousness of God and the sinfulness of man. God's righteous judgment is the reminder of God's grace.

7. All of the earth's inhabitants are descendants from what men?

Ham, Shem, and Japheth.

8. In what occupation did Noah engage after leaving the ark?

Husbandry. Raising animals and farming as we know it.

9. What was the sin of Ham?

Looking upon the nakedness of his father.

10. What was the consequence of this sin upon his off-spring?

Ham was the father of Canaan.

*Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.*

11. From which son of Noah did Israel descend?

Shem

12. Who are Japheth's descendants?

*Gen 10:2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.*

*Gen 10:3 And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.*

*Gen 10:4 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.*

13. How old was Noah when he died?

950 Years

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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