

Cultivate Genesis Study

Week #8

Chapter 9

Read and meditate on Genesis Chapter 9 this week and prayerfully answer the following questions before Tuesday's class.

A reminder that we will not have classes on Election Day.

This homework will be due November 10th.

The beginning of Genesis chapter 9 finds Noah and his family, and the animals starting their new life after exiting the ark.

Read Genesis 9:1-4

In vs. 1 we see that God blesses Noah and his sons as well as gives them a command to *"be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."*

2*"The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. 3"Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant."*

Now the Lord is placing a hedge of protection around Noah and his family. The growing multitude of animals will not be a threat to mankind as they replenish the earth. The relationship between Noah's family and the animals is changed. The animal caregivers on the ark, will now become hunters, causing a fear of man in all animals.

God **protected** and also **provided** for their every need as they multiplied. I love this truth! Where God guides, He provides. In other words, He will not call us to something that He is not willing to enable us to do!

1. What is the most difficult thing that God guided you to do, then He was faithful to provide what was needed for you to accomplish His will?

Read Psalm 8 and answer the following.

2. Name three things that God is being praised for doing.

3. Name three blessings and responsibilities for man, that David mentions.

Genesis 9:4-6

“Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. [5](#)“Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

[6](#)*“Whoever sheds man’s blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.”*

“The first restriction on the grant of animal food is thus expressed: "Flesh with its life, its blood, shall ye not eat." The animal must be slain before any part of it is used for food. “

-From Barnes Notes of the Bible

Before the law was given to Moses, God is establishing the importance of life being in the blood, knowing that blood sacrifices would be required to atone for sin.

Read Deuteronomy 12:22-25 and Leviticus 17:11

Read the Passover account in Exodus 12: 1-13

4. What purpose did the blood serve during the first Passover?

5. Why would God give those specific instructions for them to follow, to be saved from the judgment of Egypt?

“All blood was to be considered sacred. And ultimately, the blood of Christ would cleanse us from our sins.” Skip Heitzig, You Can Understand The Book Of Genesis.

6. How does the first Passover remind you of our salvation through Jesus Christ?

Read John 1:29 and 1Peter1:18-19

Now Read: Romans 5:9 and Ephesians 2:13

7. What do these verses tell us about the blood of Christ?

Genesis 9:6 says, *"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man."*

God was establishing human government, giving Noah and the generations that followed the authority to govern according to God's standards. Capital punishment is the God-commanded consequence for murder, unlike pre-flood time, when there seemed to be no standards of right and wrong.

Read Exodus 21:12

"In the image of God He made man." Matthew Poole says, "murder is not only an offense against man, but also an injury to God, and a contempt of that image of God which all men are obliged to reverence and maintain."

All life is precious in God's eyes, which is why taking an innocent life, at any time, is such an offense to God. That is why our church supports the Care Net pregnancy center, which counsel women to choose life through an unplanned pregnancy.

We also offer a Broken from Silence Bible study, which is a ministry that offers healing for those who suffer from the guilt and shame of abortion. Romans 8:1, *"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

You can call the Calvary Rio Rancho office for more information on either of these ministries at 505-896-2990.

We live in a time when hate seems to be the new normal. The Bible, specifically in the New Testament, has much to say about hate.

8. Look up the following verses and write down what speaks to your heart regarding them.

Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 3:15, 1 John 4:19-21, Colossians 3:8

Read Genesis 9:8-17

God uses the word, "covenant" seven times (NASB version) in this section of Scripture.

9. What is the definition of a covenant?

10. Can you find other examples of covenants in the Old Testament?

Read Matthew 26:27,28, Luke 22:20

11. Explain the hope that is found reading Hebrews 9:15?

Read Genesis 9:13

Matthew Henry- "The rainbow appears when we have most reason to fear the rain prevailing; God then shows this seal of the promise, that it shall not prevail. The thicker the cloud, the brighter the bow in the cloud."

Rain and an abundance of water was the very thing that caused fear and destruction through the flood. It is comforting to know that our great God is sensitive to our fears. The covenant was sealed with a beautiful, visible reminder of His promise to never again flood the earth. The rainbow must have been a tremendous comfort to Noah and his family!

12. Has the Lord ever given you a personal "sign" as a reminder of His promises to you?

Warren Wiersbe said, "Three men in Scripture saw significant rainbows. Noah saw the rainbow *after the storm*, just as God's people see it today. But the prophet Ezekiel saw the rainbow *in the midst of the storm* when he had that remarkable vision of the wheels and the throne... Of course, the Apostle John saw the rainbow *before the storm of judgment broke loose*. In fact, John saw a complete rainbow around the throne of God.! On earth we see, in part, but one day in heaven we will see things fully, as they really are."

Read Ezekiel 1:28, Revelation 4:3 and Revelation 10:1 for these references.

Read Isaiah 54:8-10

Since God cannot lie, He shall never break a covenant or a promise.

13. Name at least one of God's promises that gives you joy to know He is faithful to never break that promise.

Read Genesis 9:18-21

Although Noah was called blameless in his generation (Genesis 6:9), he was still born with the sin nature inherited from Adam. The flood did not wash away the evil that is in man's heart.

Even the most righteous woman cannot walk perfectly before her God. Thank you for the cross, Lord.

Genesis 9:21 Noah "*drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.*"

Proverbs 20:1, Ephesians 5:18 are two verses that warn of the dangers of being drunk. Anything that alters our ability to hear the Holy Spirit guiding us, can harm our obedience to walk with the Lord.

Drinking alcohol is not *always* itself, a sin. Jesus turned water in to wine at the wedding of Cana. (John 2:1-10) Jesus used the Passover "cup" as the symbol of the New Covenant. Luke 22:20 Paul suggested Timothy drink a little wine to help his stomach issues, (1 Timothy 5:23).

Read 1Corinthians 10:23 and Romans Chapter 14, and James 4:17

As Christians, we must use discernment and the leading of the Holy Spirit, to determine if and when we are to abstain, from alcohol. We should never want to stumble a brother or sister regarding drinking alcohol. It is clearly safest to not partake, but it is up to the Spirit to speak to each one, regarding this issue.

In this particular case, Noah drank in excess which caused him to "uncover himself" in his tent. Something he would not have done had he been sober. That is where his son, Ham found him.

Read Genesis 9:22-23

14. Was it a sin for Ham to see his father in that state? If not, what was the sin that Ham committed?

Ham was disrespectful of his father when he found him vulnerable. He went to his brothers with delightful gossip in telling them of their father's condition. There was no love of mercy in this, rather a very malicious intent of embarrassing Noah. Rather than covering him with a blanket, as his brothers did, he exposed him to ridicule.

Read Leviticus 19:16, Proverbs 11:13, Proverbs 17:9, 1Peter 4:8 and Proverbs 10:12

15. How did Shem and Japheth react to Ham's news?

16. What was the consequences of Ham's sinful action? Genesis 9:25

Notice that Noah does not curse Ham, directly, or all of Ham's descendants. The curse fell on one branch of Ham's family tree, Canaan.

17. Was it wrong for Noah to pronounce a curse? Read Deuteronomy 27:16

Both Genesis 9:18 and 9:22 refer to Ham as the "father of Canaan". Throughout the old testament, the Canaanite descendants cause many problems for the Israelites, who were the descendants of Shem.

Often times, sin not only affects the sinner, but those around him.

Read 2 Samuel 12:1-20 about David's sin with Bathsheba.

18. How did King David's sin affect others?

19. Can you think of modern-day sins that can have consequences that spread down to future generations?

19. Although children may repeat the sins of their parents, are they locked in to repeating them? Does God punish the children for their parents' sin?

20. What does God tell us in Ezekiel Chapter 18?

Noah, being the only righteous man, in his time, did not guarantee having three righteous offspring. Each person is responsible to make their own choice to follow the Lord.

Genesis 9:26

"He also said,

"Blessed be the LORD,

The God of Shem;

And let Canaan be his servant."

It is revealed that Noah's son, Shem, is a worshipper of the Lord.

"The God of Shem." Is going to do mighty things through Shem's lineage.

Just as Adam's son, Seth, was distinguished among his siblings, so also is Shem set apart among his brothers.

21. Do you have a long family history of people who worship the Lord? Are you the first in your family to follow Christ? Or somewhere in between?
