

The Genesis of Government

1. The flood didn't fix our fallenness

Gen. 8:20 ¶ 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.

Gen. 8:21 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.

Gen. 3:17 (didn't cure the curse)

Gen. 6:5-8 (didn't fix the fall)

2. But in the civics of common grace

Gen. 8:22 While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Matt 5:45 (common grace)

3. We have a mandate to steward His image

Gen. 9:1 ¶ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

Gen 1:26-28; 5:2 (sin did not erase His image)

Ex 1:21 (families are not futile)

Eph 5:28-33 (marriage is not meaningless)

4. to sustain His image

Gen. 9:2 The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.

Gen. 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

Isa 11:6-9 (God's design was submission)

Gen 6:11-13 (man and animals rebelled)

(deut 12:15-16, 20-23 (meat is not murder)

5. to safeguard His image

Gen. 9:4 But you shall not eat flesh with its **life**, that is, its blood.

Gen. 9:5 And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

Gen. 9:6 ¶ "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Lev 17:10-14 (blood is life -eat only dead things)

Ex 21:28-29 (capitol punishment for animals)

num 35:30-31 (pro-life is not anti-death)

6. and to spread His image

Gen. 9:7 ¶ And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Ps 127:3-5 (babies are not a burden)

7. The rainbow reveals this responsibility

Gen. 9:8 ¶ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

Gen. 9:9 "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you,

Gen. 9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

Gen. 9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Gen. 9:12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

Gen. 9:13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Gen. 9:14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

Gen. 9:15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Gen. 9:16 When the bow (pointed away from earth) is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Gen. 9:17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

covenant

Rom 12:19 (God will not use weather to restrain wickedness)

Rom 13:1-7 (He uses governments)

1 tim 2:1-2 (Implication A)

Jer 29:7 (Implication B)

8. Even as it reveals His restraint

I will see (9:16a)

Gen 6:5, 12 (we must see)

and remember (9:16b)

Mark 15:25-32 (and remember His restraint)

Rev 4:1-3 (remember His rainbow)

Rev 1:4-7 (remember the true king behind every king is coming back)

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Intro:

There is a battle for the rainbow

Problem:

It is ironic that the symbol of God's restraint is being used as a symbol of Man's rebellion. Genesis 9 is a testament to the irony of this so called "battle"

Main Idea:

The Flood didn't fix our fallenness
But in the civics common grace
we have a mandate to steward His image
we have a mandate to sustain His image
we have a mandate to safeguard His image
we have a mandate to spread His image
The rainbow reveals this responsibility
Even as it reveals His restraint

Implication A:

the rainbow reveals our responsibility (1 Tim 2:1-2)
politics will not save us but they do matter

government exists as a gift of common grace for the common good to promote, protect, and propagate the image of God in a fallen world

Implication B:

(Jer 29:7)
the welfare of our citizens matter
our borders matter
our laws laws matter
America matters

Appliction:

Even as it reveals His restraint
Mark 15:25-32 (remember His restraint)
Rev 4:1-3 (He does)
Rev 1:4-7 - (and remember that no matter how bad it gets the king behind every king is coming back)

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-government.html>

<https://www.challies.com/articles/at-least-5-things-scripture-teaches-us-about-governments/>