



Genesis 9—part I
Verses 1-17
From sermon 9.13.20

Read *Genesis 9:1-17*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Following the flood, Noah and his family step into a new world. Part of the newness is some new commissions, new instructions, and a new promise from God. Chapter 9 invokes a whole new round of controversy for the reader, the contemporary Church, and the culture. But, we are subject to the Scripture; the scripture is never subject to us or the culture.

1. List the six teaching points outlined in the sermon from chapter 9. What does each mean? How controversial would you rate the topic?

Procreation God commissions and blesses Noah and his sons to repopulate the earth

Prominence God elevates man's status above the animal kingdom, instilling fear.

Provision God allows for the eating of meat in man's diet

Prohibition God forbids the eating of animals while their lifeblood remains

Protection God institutes human government and the death penalty

Promise God vows to never destroy the earth by flood and provides the rainbow as a sign.

2. What animals was man permitted to eat following the flood? All. No restrictions.

3. How long did that unrestricted diet last? About 1000-1500 years

4. What changed it and why? The giving the Law to God's people through Moses. God wanted His chosen to separate themselves from the world. Diet was just one of many things God wanted them to "clean up". As the animal kingdom devolved, due to sin, there may have been health benefits also.

5. How long did the dietary Laws last? Until Christ came/the Age of the Church/the Age of Grace.

[Note: Additionally the ceremonial, ritual, conversion, celebratory & Sabbath Laws ended as well]

5a. Read and discuss each scripture that addresses the end of dietary Laws.

- Mark 7:18-20: _____
- Acts 10:9-16: _____
- Colossians 2:20-23: _____
- 1 Timothy 4:1-5: _____
- Romans 14:1-6 & 13: _____

6. Read *Exodus 20:13*. Is God's instituting of the death penalty in chapter 9 a contradiction in God's nature and in Scripture? What about the commands to forgive? Two different spheres of human life. One addresses personal vengeance and the other societal justice.

See also *Exodus 21:12 & Romans 13:1-4*

7. How does failure to carry out righteous* capital punishment devalue human life? Various personal answers. But, it declares that murder isn't the worst. It demeans the life and loss of the victim.