# Genesis 9

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## Genesis 8:21 The Lord's promises:

- Never curse the ground because of man
- Never again destroy every living thing
- As long as the earth remains, day & night and seasons will not cease.

→ All these deal with the earth, but then God turns to Noah:

9:1 "And God blessed Noah & his sons"

## Prohibition of eating blood reiterated:

- Mosaic law given to the newly formed nation of Israel, Lev 17:10-14:

Lev 17:13 "he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth. For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life…."

Lev 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement."

Heb 9:22 "…without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

- Ultimately, Jesus would fulfill this picture when He shed His own blood to pay the price for our sins.
- This prohibition reminded the people of the preciousness and sacredness of life.
- The illicit use of blood was common in pagan and demonic ritual.

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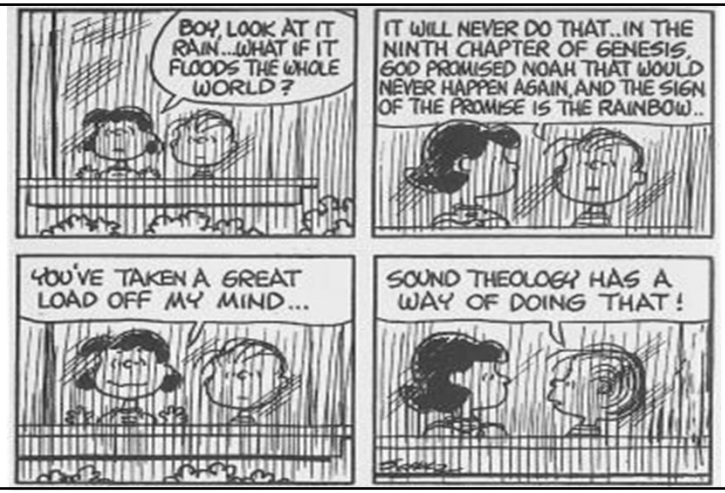
- Mosaic law given to the newly formed nation of Israel, Lev 17:10-14.
- The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:19-29) gave these instructions to the Gentile believers regarding obeying the Jewish laws:

  Acts 15:20 "…they should abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood."

  Acts 15:28-29 "for it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us…"

## The Noahic Covenant, Genesis 9:

- V.8 "God spoke"
- V.9 "I Myself do establish My covenant with you…"
- V.11 "I establish My covenant with you…"
- V.12 "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between Me and you…for all successive generations"
- V.13 "I will set My bow…a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth."
- V.14 "…when I bring a cloud…that the bow will be seen…"
- V.15 "I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you…"
- V.16 "…I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature…"
- V.17 "And God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh…"



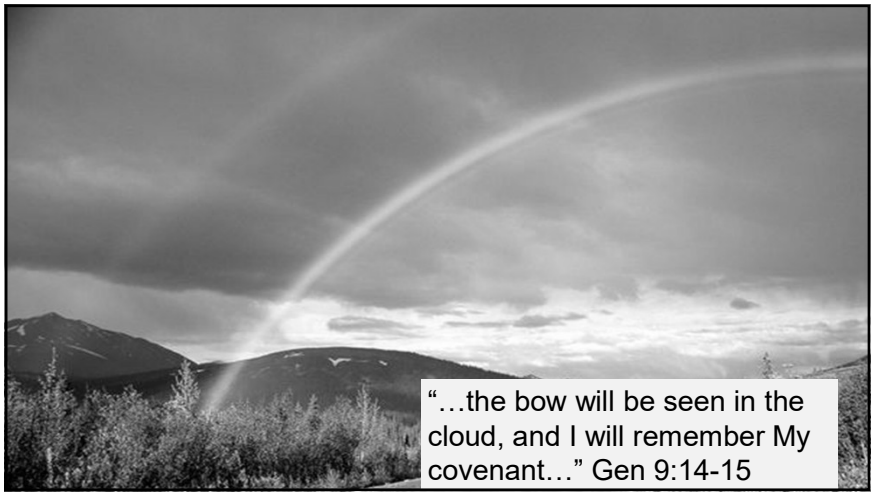

II Peter 3:3-6 "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.' For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water."

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•II Peter 3:7,10 "But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men…. the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heaven and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness."

•II Peter 3:13 "But according to His promise <u>we are looking for new heavens and a new earth</u>, in which righteousness dwells."

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## "I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant"

Does God forget????

"remember" = being mindful of, recounting

*"Remember" is used in the sense that God acknowledges and acts on behalf, based on what He has promised.*

Psalm 8:4 "What is man that You are ***mindful*** of him?"

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## God remembers:

- Gen 8:1 "But God remembered Noah and all the beast and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided." Gen 19:29; 30:22
- Exodus 2:24 "So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Ex 6:5
- Lev 26:44-45 "…when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them…breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God. But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors…"

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- Isaiah 54:9-10

"For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood the earth again; so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you nor will I rebuke you. For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken, says the LORD who has compassion on you."

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## Regarding Ham in Gen 9:22

- "*saw* the nakedness" = the word for "saw" indicates more than just a glance. It means to gaze, to look on, to consider—possibly with enjoyment
- "*told* his two brothers" = "told" has the idea of announcing or exposing or denouncing
- "his brothers *outside*" = Ham was inside the tent; he didn't belong in there, especially with his father's vulnerable condition.

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- Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you."
- Ephesians 6:2-3 "Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth."

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## Lessons from Genesis 9:

1. God's promise to Noah continues today; be thankful every time you see a rainbow.
2. Life is sacred because man is made in God's image. (Gen 9:6)
   –has implications from conception to elderly years!
3. God remembers; we may feel forgotten, but He remembers us. Gen 9:15-16
4. Honor your father and your mother is not just a commandment for children. Eph 6:2-3; "honoring" means more than just obeying.

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