

Lesson 07 Genesis 8 - 9
New Beginning After The Flood

1. What was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark?

2. How do we know this was pleasing to God? How can we today do the same thing as Noah?

3. How did man's relationship to the animals change in chapter 9?

4. Do you find a verse in Chapter 9 that seems to relate to capital punishment? After relating it to Leviticus 24:19-20 and from the New Testament, Matthew 5:38-42, how do you interpret it? (CCC2267)

Leviticus 24:19-20

**19 Anyone who inflicts a permanent injury on his or her neighbor shall receive the same in return:
20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The same injury that one gives another shall be inflicted in return**

Matthew 5:38-42

**38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'
39 But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.
40 If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well.
41 Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles.
42 Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.**

5. A. What is the meaning of the rainbow?

B. How does this passage about the rainbow bring you comfort?

6. Since fallen humanity has blurred the original image of God in man, what must take place before this image and likeness of God can again become clear? (See Ephesians 4:22-24 and Colossians 3:10)

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

24 and put on* the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Colossians 3:10

9 you have taken off the old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.

7. In your opinion, do you think Noah could be held somewhat responsible for Ham's sin of disrespect?

8. Why is disrespect for your parents (9:22) so serious even today? Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

Genesis 9:22

22 Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness, and he told his two brothers outside.

Ephesians 6:1-3

1 Children, obey your parents [in the Lord], for this is right.

2 "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise,

3 "that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth."

9. From this story, what is your impression of Noah? Of his sons?

10. What was the lesson for you in this week's study?