

GENESIS IN THE BEGINNING...

4/21/24
Text:
Genesis 9:1-7

“The Exceptional Value of God's Creation”

I. God's resources are exceptionally valuable (vs. 1-3)

A. Stewardship over family resources.

Genesis 9:1 - *So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.*

B. Stewardship over the animal kingdom.

Genesis 9:2-3 - *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. ³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.*

1. Animals used for work
2. Animals used for food
3. Animals as companions

II. God's image-bearers are exceptionally valuable (vs. 4-7)

A. Prohibition against eating meat with blood (i.e., raw meat).

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

B. Prohibition against unjustly taking a life.

Genesis 9:5 - *Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of every man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.*

C. God's call for earthly justice.

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

D. God's call for more image-bearers.

Genesis 9:7 - *And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.”*

III. Worldview implications

A. Christians should prioritize godly stewardship.

B. Christians should greatly value life.

Next Sunday's sermon: Genesis 9:8-17

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: In what way are Christians to be stewards? Why does God keep repeating the command to be fruitful and multiply? Are animals different than humans? Explain. Why is murder seen as such a serious crime? What is the basis for capital punishment? Can a Christian value life and also support capital punishment? Explain.

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