

**BOOK OF GENESIS
A NEW BEGINNING-PT 2
GOD'S VIEW OF HUMAN LIFE
GENESIS 9:1-7**

Introduction

In an earlier message from *Genesis 1:26-27*, we saw how that **MANKIND** was **GOD'S SPECIAL CREATION!** **GOD** saved the **CREATION of MANKIND** for last! **SCRIPTURE** says that **GOD THEM MALE** and **FEMALE** in **HIS OWN IMAGE**, after **HIS LIKENESS!**

Then, in *Genesis 3*, prior to **ADAM** and **EVE** having any children, we saw **SIN** entered the world because they **DISOBEYED GOD!** **ADAM'S SIN** brought forth **DEATH** into the world just as **GOD** had warned him it would in *Genesis 2:17*.

From that point **MANKIND'S HEARTS** were **CORRUPTED** by **SIN!**
Romans 5:12—“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

Then, remember how we saw in *Genesis 4*, the very first **MURDER** (i.e. **The taking of a HUMAN LIFE by another HUMAN**) when **ADAM'S** firstborn son, **CAIN**, in **ANGER**, **MURDERED** his brother **ABEL!**

That was the first of many, many **MURDERS** that were yet to come in the **HISTORY of MANKIND!** **The LORD JESUS** would make this statement about **MURDER and other SINS:**

Matthew 15:19—“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:”

When **CAIN** killed **ABEL**, **GOD** placed a further curse on him personally and made it such that the earth would not yield her strength to him (not good for him being a farmer) and said that he would become both a **FUGITIVE** and a **VAGABOND**. (i.e. *Living in exile as a wanderer.*)

But **GOD** also said that anyone who slew **CAIN**, **VENGEANCE** would be taken on him sevenfold and so **GOD** set a protective mark on **CAIN** so that folks would know who he was and wouldn't kill him. *Genesis 4:15*

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In *Genesis 5*, we saw the **DEATH** chapter where the **DESCENDANTS of SETH** are given down to **NOAH** time. And though they all had great longevity compared to today, they all eventually **DIED** except **ENOCH**, who had the testimony that he pleased **GOD** and was **TRANSLATED**.

In *Genesis 6*, we saw that the **WICKEDNESS of MANKIND** was great in the earth which had become **CORRUPT** before **GOD** and “*was filled with VIOLENCE.*” (i.e. **There was no respect for HUMAN LIFE!**)

And so, **GOD** determined to wipe out the **CORRUPTION** along with **SINFUL MANKIND** and every living thing on the earth with a great **WORLDWIDE FLOOD** of waters—except for **NOAH** (who “*found GRACE in the eyes of the LORD*”), **NOAH's** wife, **NOAH's** three sons and their wives and a male and a female of every kind of living thing the **LORD** had made on the earth!

In *Genesis 7 and 8*, we saw the period of time when **NOAH** and his family obeyed **GOD's** command to come into the **ARK**, until the time **GOD** commanded them to exit the **ARK 377 days** after they entered it!

We were looking last time at how this was a **NEW BEGINNING** for **NOAH** and **HIS FAMILY** and every living thing in the **ARK** with them!
We saw three things in Genesis 8:20-22:
NOAH WAITED ON GOD BECAUSE GOD'S TIMING IS BEST!
NOAH'S FIRST ACT WAS TO WORSHIP GOD!
THE HEART OF GOD WAS AFFECTED BY NOAH'S SACRIFICE!

Today we move to *Genesis 9:1-7* and see some more things about this **NEW BEGINNING!** (Read the **SCRIPTURE**)

- I. WE SEE AN OLD COMMAND WITH A NEW URGENCY!**
(9:1, 7; Cp. 1:28a)
Here is a repeat of GOD'S FIRST COMMAND given to MAN!

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GOD COMMANDED this very same thing to **ADAM** and **EVE** in *Genesis 1:28a*, says: *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...”*

That **COMMAND** is repeated here to **NOAH** and his family not once, but twice—*Vs 1 and then in Vs 7 with more emphasis!* Understand that there was **now** another reason for the **COMMAND**. The first time it was given was presumably before **MANKIND'S ORIGINAL SIN!** (*i.e. Before DEATH entered!*)

However, here the population (*what it was before the FLOOD is debatable, but not given to us*), had been severely reduced back down to just **8 souls!** Also, life-spans would become shorter and shorter because of the change in the climate after the **FLOOD!**

WE SEE AN OLD COMMAND WITH A NEW URGENCY...

II. WE SEE MAN'S NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH ANIMAL LIFE! (9:2-4, Cp. 1:28b -30)

GOD initially told **MANKIND** that he was to **SUBDUE** the earth and have **DOMINION** over all the animals! (*1:28b*)

But here in **9:2**, **GOD** tells **NOAH** and his family that *“the fear of you and the dread of you”* would be upon all the animals!

The late **Dr. John R. Rice** suggested that it may have been that before the **FLOOD** animals were not afraid of men. Men ate fruits and vegetables, not meat (*1:29-30*)! But we see in **9:3-4**, **MANKIND** was now given permission to eat meat!

Today there seems to be a move away from **meat** to being **meatless** for whatever nefarious reasons! As long as I can, I will continue to eat meat, because the **LORD** doesn't have a problem with it!

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PAUL gave **TIMOTHY** instruction in *1 Timothy 4:3-5* about some folks in living in *“the latter times”* who would be this way: *“... commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.”*

Even the **ceremonial restrictions** which **GOD** gave to the **JEWS** are not binding on **NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST!** *Colossians 2:16-17—“16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”*

There was a **ceremonial meaning** in the ceremonial law, but that is not a **moral command** for **CHRISTIANS!**

III. WE SEE THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE BY GOD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERERS! (9:5-6) (And this is where I want us to dwell...)

Before the **FLOOD** there **appears not to have been** any sort of **ORGANIZED HUMAN GOVERNMENT** established. Nowhere do we see **GOD** calling for punishment of **murderers** to be put it **in the hands of men** to execute the **DEATH PENALTY** until here!

In fact, **CAIN KILLED ABEL IN COLD BLOOD** and was allowed to go with a mark upon him so no one would kill him in **VENGEANCE** for his slaying of **ABEL**.

But here we see the **LORD** addresses this issue of taking a **HUMAN LIFE** and the punishment by **DEATH PENALTY** to be carried out by **MANKIND** when a **HUMAN LIFE** has been taken!

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When the **LORD** gave **MOSES** the **LAW**, this rule was carried over into the **ceremonial law and expanded.**

(Exodus 21:12-17; Leviticus 20:10 enlarged to include adultery, sodomy, and other such perversions. Also, in Romans 13:1-4 we see this teaching remains and that those governmental authorities who carry out these laws are even called "ministers of GOD.")

The **BIBLE** says that one of the things that **GOD HATES** are *hands that shed innocent blood!* (*Proverbs 6:17*) In fact, *hands that shed innocent blood* are called an **ABOMINATION!**

We see in **SCRIPTURE** where a curse came upon the land of **JUDAH** where **innocent blood was shed and not avenged.** (*2 Kings 24:3-4*)

GOD told **CAIN** that the voice of **ABEL'S BLOOD** cried out to **HIM** the ground!

Psalm 9:12—"When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble."

Think about the taking of **INNOCENT LIFE.** In fact let's think about the **VICTIM** in an **ABORTION**, which, no doubt, is the most **INNOCENT OF VICTIMS** ever to be killed! **Because a CHILD in the womb is defenseless!**

The pro-abortion crowd yells and screams about **freedom of choice.** *"It's my body"*, they say! Which it is not true, science says it is not! **WHAT ABOUT THE BABY'S BODY!?! WHAT ABOUT THE BABY'S CHOICE!?! Don't think that GOD doesn't care because HE cares very much so!**

Year after year in our land, **multitudes of babies** are still being **MURDERED** in the womb for simply being an **inconvenience!**

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Some want to talk about **BABIES** in the **WOMB** as if they are just a *clump of cells!* But, these are **BABIES** with **souls since the moment of conception!** They may be treated as being non-persons and referred to as **FETUSES!** But **GOD** calls them a **CHILD!**

Ecclesiastes 11:5—"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all."

BABIES in the **WOMB** begin developing physically at **CONCEPTION!** Early in their development, they have **beating hearts, digesting stomachs, open eyes, and hearing ears!** And, by the way, **they react to painful stimuli!**

If a doctor determines a person is completely dead by the absence of brain waves, shouldn't the presence of brain waves prove life!?

If someone intentionally or unintentionally kills a **BABY** in the **WOMB** in the commission of a felony, they are charged with a count of **MURDER** while an **ABORTION** doctor is not, go figure!

When **BABIES** in the **WOMB** are **MURDERED**, they are treated in some of the most **inhumane ways** imaginable! They are not given anesthetics while **a very torturous death is inflicted upon them—** by being **injected with toxins, ripped apart by forceps, or their skull is pierced and brain sucked** while in the birth canal!

It is the very reason we support **FIRST COAST WOMEN'S SERVICES** which offer women alternatives to **ABORTION!**

I believe **ABORTIONS** (*past and present*) that have **happened under the watch of our governmental authorities** is the number one reason that **our nation is under the JUDGMENT of GOD!**

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Could **VIOLENCE** being so increasingly prevalent in our country be part of that **JUDGMENT**? (*Where is GOD saying, "You want a culture of death? I'll give you a culture of death!"*)

In GOD'S EYES, LIFE IS SACRED AND PRECIOUS!

A. Life Is Precious Because GOD Created It! (Genesis 1:27)
And because **GOD** created it, only **HE** has a right to say when it is to be terminated! And **HE** has called for the **DEATH PENALTY** to be imposed by government on those that have exercised **GOD'S RIGHT** for themselves!

B. Life Is Valued By GOD! (Psalm 139:13-18)
In fact, life is valued so much by **GOD** that **HE** sent **HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** to save lives! (*John 3:16*)

C. Life Is Precious No Matter What Its Condition!

- 1. We All Know That Life Is A Challenge In This Sin-Cursed World!**
This world is no longer the paradise that **GOD** originally created. It would be wonderful if it was, but unfortunately **SIN** came into our world and with it came **pain, imperfection, injustice, and death.**

GOD warned us of these challenges and enables those who trust **HIM** to be victorious through **HIM.**
John 16:33—*"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

1 Peter 5:7—*"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."*

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- 2. We Must Not Overlook Those Who Have Challenges In This Life! (e.g. Down syndrome)**
JESUS showed special concern for the lame, blind, the woman with the issue of blood, and lepers.

- 3. Our LORD Places Great Value Even On Those Whom Society Likes To Shuffle Aside!**
While on his knees, the leper in *Mark 1*, begged **CHRIST** to make him clean.
Mark 1:41—*"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."*

- 4. Our LORD Can Gain Great Glory From Those Who Have Been Born With Great Challenges!**
(*John 9:1-3*)

- 5. Those With Great Challenges Can Become Vessels Displaying GOD's Grace!**

D. Life Is Precious Because Of Its Eternal Nature!

- 1. To God, Our Life Existed Before We Were Born!**
Psalm 139:15-16; Jeremiah 1:5

- 2. God Has Provided A Way For Life Improvement!**
John 3:16—*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

John 10:10—*"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

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No matter what challenges that this life may bring, the **LORD** can give both an **ABUNDANT LIFE** and **ETERNAL LIFE!**

In that **ABUNDANT LIFE, GOD** gives **HIS GRACE** for **LIVING** in this life!

In that **ETERNAL LIFE** there will come a time when we leave this world and **ALL** of its **CHALLENGES BEHIND!**

Conclusion

So, that's **GOD'S VIEW OF HUMAN LIFE!** If you are against the **DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDERERS**, you are against what the **LORD** has decreed here in our text! If you are **PRO-ABORTION**, you are on the side of **MURDERERS** and against what the **LORD** has decreed regarding **LIFE in the womb!**

And ladies, if you previously had an **ABORTION** understand that there is **FORGIVENESS** available from the **LORD** even for that **SIN!**

The question every person needs to answer is this:

Do You Have CHRIST'S LIFE AS YOUR LIFE?

*1 John 5:11-13—“11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”
(Also, John 3:18)*

If you don't have **CHRIST'S LIFE AS YOUR LIFE**, you can have it today! Come let us show you how!