

God's Plans for Our Recreated World
Genesis 9:1-17

God blesses and gives new guidelines for life in our new world. 1-7

- Repetition of earlier blessing & command to procreate, in 9:1,7, 1:28a.
- New expanded menu: It's now OK to eat animals. Compare to 1:28b.
One restriction: Don't consume the blood. Why not? Lev. 17:10-14.
What about today? Acts 15:28,29, yet see I Cor. 8:8,9, Rom. 14:13ff.
- New punishment: Sanctity of human life demands that one shedding the blood of another person requires his blood to be shed. Note God is the plaintiff (*I will require* 3x), Lev. 24:17, Rom. 13:3,4, Acts 25:11.

Reason for C.P. = mankind is in God's image (killers attack God!).
Repeat of 9:1; God believes C.P. protects life & aids procreation.
Recall the pre-flood situation, 6:11,13/Num. 33:34,35, Deut. 19:11ff.

God promises never again to destroy the earth and all life by water. 8-17

- Noahic covenant = 1st of several covenants God will make, and it is universal (to all creation) and unconditional (a promise).
- The rainbow is the sign for this covenant, as 17:11, Ex. 31:13 will offer signs for later covenants (*And I will remember*, recalls 8:1).
The rainbow and God's glory: Ezek. 1:28, Rev. 4:3, 10:1.



What has happened to God's view on the sanctity of human life?

What has happened to the rainbow?

What does God's covenant with mankind and all living creatures suggest?