

**Genesis 9:2-4:** “The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. <sup>3</sup> Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.<sup>4</sup>” But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it.

❖ **Life must be \_\_\_\_\_ (9:5-6).**

**Genesis 9:5-6:** “And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. <sup>6</sup>” “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”

**Romans 13:1-5:** “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup> Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. <sup>4</sup> For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.”

**3. A New Day of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Genesis 9:8-17**

❖ **God Made a \_\_\_\_\_ with His Creation (9:8-10).**

**Genesis 9:8-10:** “Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you.” <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.”

❖ **God’s Covenant is His \_\_\_\_\_ to us (9:11).**

**Genesis 9:11:** “I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

❖ **God Gave the \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ of His Promise (9:12-17).**

**Genesis 9:12-17:** “And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

**4. A New Day of \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Genesis 9:18-29**

**Genesis 9:18-29:** “The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) <sup>19</sup> These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth. <sup>20</sup> Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard. <sup>21</sup> When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.”

**KEY QUESTION: What was Noah’s sinful decision?**

“Scripture looks favorably on wine (Nu 15:5-10; Dt 14:26; Ps 104:15; Jn 2:1-11), but soberly warns of the dangers of its excess (Pr 21:17; 23:20-21, 29-35; Isa 5:22; 28:7). Excessive consumption of wine causes moral laxity (Hab 2:15). Nazirites (Nu 6:3-4), officiating priests (Lev 10:9) and rulers responsible for making decisions (Pr 31:4-5) were to abstain from it.” **Reformation Study Bible Notes on Genesis 9:21**

**KEY QUESTION: What was Ham’s sinful decision?**

**Genesis 9:22-29:** “Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father’s nakedness and told his two brothers outside.” <sup>23</sup> But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father’s nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father’s nakedness. <sup>24</sup> When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, <sup>25</sup> he said, “Cursed be Canaan! The lowest of slaves will he be to his brothers.” “He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem! May Canaan be the slave of Shem. <sup>27</sup> May God extend the territory of Japheth; may Japheth live in the tents of Shem, and may Canaan be his slave.” <sup>28</sup>

After the flood Noah lived 350 years. <sup>29</sup> Altogether, Noah lived 950 years, and then he died.”

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Do you need to start over again and get things right with God? God can give you a fresh new start.

### SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Noah offered a certain type of sacrifice in his worship? What was that sacrifice according to Leviticus 1? Why would he offer a sacrifice that was designed to take away sins (*consider the entire context of Genesis 6-9*)?

2. How is Noah's sacrifice different than Cain's in Genesis 4 (See Leviticus 1:3, 10; Malachi 1:6-14; Hebrews 11:4)? How does Genesis 8:20-22 relate to us as Christians since we no longer need to give a sacrifice to have our sins taken away (See Hebrews 9:11-28)?

3. Since Jesus is our sacrifice for sins once for all, and we no longer need to make sacrifices to gain forgiveness, then what does God want from us (See Romans 12:1-2)? How does this text speak to the issue of “Starting Over” with God?

4. Genesis 9:1-7 is all about the importance of life. Take some time to read these verses again and wrestle with the question of “*Capital Punishment*”; that is, whether those who commit murder be put to death by the state? As part of your reflection, consider 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-14; Romans 13:1-5. How does this relate to the command “Thou shalt not commit murder” Exodus 20:13? If the state is not to take a life, then why does God sanction the extinction of other nations (Deuteronomy 7:1-5) and speak of an eye for an eye in Exodus 21 (read Ex.21:12-27).

5. Noah and his family were given a fresh new start after the flood had ended. Why do you think Noah and his son made the decision to sin, even after witnessing such an incredible display of God's judgment in the flood? See Genesis 6:5; 8:21 for the answer. Why is it that we continue to sin? (See Romans 7:14-8:1).

6. Take some time to trace the ‘*seed of the woman*’ and the ‘*seed of the serpent*’ (Genesis 3:15) through Genesis 1-9. Can you identify who belongs to which seed?

### PRAYER TIME

## Paradise Lost: A Study on Creation, Fall & Flood In Genesis. Today's Message: “Starting Over – Genesis 8:15-9:29”

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### INTRODUCTION:

**Genesis 8:15-19:** “Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup> Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number upon it.” <sup>18</sup> So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. <sup>19</sup> All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on the earth—came out of the ark, one kind after another.”

### 1. A New Day to \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 8:20-22**

**Genesis 8:20-22:** “Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup> The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. <sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

### 2. A New Day to \_\_\_\_\_. **Genesis 9:1-7**

❖ Life must be \_\_\_\_\_ (9:1,7).

**Genesis 9:1, 7:** <sup>1</sup> “Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth....” <sup>7</sup> As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

❖ Life must be \_\_\_\_\_ (9:2-4).