

GENESIS – LESSON SIX

I. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS AND OCCURRENCES FOLLOWING THE FLOOD (9:1-29)

- A. God blesses and instructs Noah concerning life following the flood (9:1-7).
 - 1. God instructs Noah and his sons to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth.
 - 2. God decrees that all the animals on land and sea are in Noah's control – He is the object of their fear.
 - 3. Animals are given for food just as the green herb has been given for food in the past.
 - 4. Blood shall not be eaten – it is the life of the flesh.
 - 5. Man or beast that sheds man's blood shall die because man is made in the image of God.

- B. God makes an everlasting covenant with Noah, his descendants and the animals of the earth- The meaning of the Rainbow (9:8-17).
 - 1. God 's promise: All flesh shall not be cut off by the waters of the flood – no flood shall again destroy the earth.
 - 2. Token of the covenant: “bow in the cloud”

- C. Noah's drunkenness and the curse upon Canaan (9:18-27)
 - 1. Ham is the father of Canaan
 - 2. Noah drinks wine from his vineyard and through drunkenness becomes uncovered.
 - 3. Ham, the father of Canaan, gazes upon Noah's nakedness and takes delight in telling his brothers.
 - 4. Shem and Japheth cover their father's nakedness while looking away – Noah blesses them.
 - 5. Noah proclaims curse upon Canaan as being “a servant of servants” due to what his younger son, Ham, had done.
 - a. Canaan became subject to Shem through Israel (cf. Joshua 9:23, I Kings 9:20,21).
 - b. Later, Phoenicians, Carthaginians and Egyptians were subject to the descendants of Japheth: Persians, Macedonians and Romans

- D. Noah's death (9:28-29)
 - 1. Lived 350 years after the flood.
 - 2. Died at the age of 950 years.

QUESTIONS:

1. Through whom do all men today trace their ancestry back to Adam?
2. How does God's instructions to Noah help us today in understanding man's relationship with the animals?
3. Why does God forbid man to eat blood?
4. Does God approve today of man putting people to death who murder their fellow man? (Explain your answer.)
5. To whom does God's covenant to not destroy flesh or earth with a flood include?
6. How does this covenant give us another reason for believing that the flood was "universal" and not a "local" flood?
7. What is "my bow in the cloud"?
8. What implications about drinking wine do you conclude from Noah's experience?

9. Why is Canaan cursed when Ham, his father, looked upon Noah's nakedness?

10. Describe the curse upon Canaan?

11. How long did Noah live after the flood?

12. Noah died before Abraham was born. (T) (F)