

Bibles???

The Word of God is the absolute truth and the final authority!

Have you ever wanted a simple do-over?

You did one thing and it forever changed the way that people looked at you.

One thing –

William Joseph Buckner was a baseball player who played in the major leagues for 22 solid years.

He collected over 2700 hits during his baseball career, played in an all-star game.

However, when you ask any casual baseball fan, who is Billy Buckner?

Everyone knows that he is the one who let a simple ground ball go through his legs and cost the team, game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

The Red Sox eventually go on to lose the World Series the next game, Billy Buckner's entire career tainted by this one play.

This evening as we continue our study through the book of Genesis, we will see an individual whose error in judgment not only tainted his life but it also led to serious consequences.

Let's pray...

I divided chapter nine in two parts, we will read up to verse 17 first,

**[Gen 9:1-17 NKJV] 1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 "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. 4 "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, [that is], its blood. 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 man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. 7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it." 8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying: 9 "And as for Me, behold, I establish**

**My covenant with you and with your descendants after you, 10 "and with every living creature that [is] with you: the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you, of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11 "Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 And God said: "This [is] the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that [is] with you, for perpetual generations: 13 "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. 14 "It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; 15 "and I will remember My covenant which [is] between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 "The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that [is] on the earth." 17 And God said to Noah, "This [is] the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that [is] on the earth."**

## God's instructions,

**The first instruction that God gives Noah and his sons is the instruction to be fruitful and multiply.**

God makes the statement in verse one and also in verse 7.

This instruction was the same instruction that God had given to Adam and Eve back in Genesis 1:28

**[Gen 1:28 NKJV] 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

Noah, is like the second Adam, he is about to usher in a new beginning on earth for the human race.

It is important to note that God is steadfast in His love for humanity and is offering a second chance to them, a new beginning.

Therefore He returns to His initial command and restates it from this second start.

So God will use Noah's children and their wives to repopulate the earth, however, there will be a few changes to the earth after the flood.

The first thing that God tells them is that He has placed the fear and terror of humans into the animals. We see this in verse two. A natural instinct is placed in the animals to be fearful of humans.

Animals before the flood were not fearful of man. Remember, God had Adam name the animals as He was creating them.

If this fear or terror did not exist, man would be able to easily wipe out the animals by hunting them to extinction.

It's a lot easier to hunt deer when they don't run away from you.

We also have to remember that animals were not eating each other before the flood either.

Remember from the video last week, death was the results of sin – so before the fall of man in Genesis 3, death could not exist.

Animals, just like humans were vegetarians before the flood.

In the book of Isiah, it tells us that when Jesus Christ returns, it appears that we will return back to the way it was before the flood.

**[Isa 11:6-7 NKJV] 6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.**

Bears grazing, lions eating straw like an ox and small children will be treating them like puppies.

**This is why I tell believer to load up on carne asada now – because we will not always be able to eat it.**

Our Lord and Savior at the end of the gospel of Luke after the resurrection, He appears before the disciples and He asks, “Where’s the meat” – my

translation by the way, and the scripture tell us that the disciples gave Jesus broiled fish and honey to eat. (Luke 24:41)

So, after the flood, God says the animals are there for you to eat them.

Later on in the book of Leviticus, we see instructions on the animals that they can and cannot eat.

We looked at this two weeks ago and I mentioned that we can find the description of the animals that are clean and unclean in Leviticus 11.

Now back here in chapter nine, God gives them a second command regarding eating animals and this command had to do with the eating of blood.

Any animal that was to be eaten must have its blood drained.

You can't eat the blood.

No blood sausage or blood pudding.

One of my favorite shows on television is that guy that goes around eating gross things throughout the world. I remember an episode where he goes

down to Kenya and they had this tribe that makes a drink by putting the blood of a freshly killed animal and mix it with milk.

The reason for the command is that God wanted to remind man that He is the giver of life and that life is in the blood.

We also know that the blood of animals will have an important function in the Mosaic sacrifices, so the blood must be treated with reverence.

And we have a ton of scriptures that point to the significance of blood in Old Testament times as well as in the New Testament.

- Blood was the sign of mercy for Israel at the first Passover (Exodus 12:13) Remember they used the blood of the lamb on the door posts.  
**[Exo 12:13 NKJV] 13 'Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you [are]. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy [you] when I strike the land of Egypt.**
- Blood sealed God's covenant with Israel (Exodus 24:8).  
After Moses reads the ten commandments and the rest of the law to the children of Israel –



**[Exo 24:8 NKJV] 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled [it] on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."**

- Blood sealed the new covenant (Matthew 26:28). **New Testament**  
At the last supper, Jesus tells His disciples.

**[Mat 26:28 NKJV] 28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

- Blood justifies us (Romans 5:9).

**[Rom 5:9 NKJV] 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

- Blood brings redemption (Ephesians 1:7).

**[Eph 1:7 NKJV] 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace**

- Blood cleanses us (Hebrews 9:14 and 1 John 1:7).

**[Heb 9:14 NKJV] 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

**[1John 1:7 NKJV] 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

- Blood sanctifies us (Hebrews 13:12).

**[Heb 13:12 NKJV] 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.**

- Blood enables us to overcome Satan (Revelation 12:11).

**[Rev 12:11 NKJV] 11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

After commanding Noah and his sons regarding the shedding of animal blood, God then proceeds to discuss an even more important topic and that is the shedding of human blood.

Let's look at verses 5,6 again

**[Gen 9:5-6 NKJV] 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 man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.**

**[Gen 9:5-6 NLT] 5 "And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die. 6 If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image.**

What we have here in verses 5,6 is the establishment of human government and authorization of capital punishment.

**God now authorizes man to exact justice. If a person or an animal kills a human being, God authorizes man to bring justice by killing the person or animal that caused the death.**

Some people claim that God is against capital punishment because it says in the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not kill". But what they don't understand is that the word used in Ex. 20:13 means "murder", not just "kill".

Other people will say that only God can take a life and we should allow God to make the decision whether a person should be put to death for his crime – **the problem with that is that God has already made that decision here in verses 5,6.**

Capital punishment is approved by God because murder not only shows disregard for another human life, but shows contempt for God, since man is made in the image of God.

The rest of the chapter up to verse 17 is the covenant that God makes with Noah and his children and all their descendants as well as all the animals.

A covenant is a promise. God is making this unconditional promise that He will never destroy the earth with a worldwide flood again.

And God underscores His commitment with a rainbow! So if we see a rainbow, guess what – this covenant still applies.

While the world is focused on global warming and the rising sea levels – God has made a promise that He will never destroy the earth by flood again – the scriptures actually reveal to us that the last judgment of the earth is going to be by fire –

[2Pe 3:7 NKJV] 7 But the heavens and the earth [which] are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

So let's finish the last part of chapter nine -

**[Gen 9:18-29 NKJV] 18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham [was] the father of Canaan. 19 These three [were] the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. 20 And Noah began [to be] a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. 21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid [it] on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces [were] turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. 24 So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. 25 Then he said: "Cursed [be] Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." 26 And he said: "Blessed [be] the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. 27 May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant." 28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.**

One of the questions that is asked by many people is how do you know that the bible is not written by man? How do you know that it is inspired by God?

I simply point to verses like the one we have here in verse 21.

You see, one of the things that we are going to notice from reading about all these patriarchs was that they were all flawed.

They all stumbled, they all had periods in their lives where they doubted, where they demonstrated a lack of faith, where they were disobedient to God.

I believe that if man was the author of our bible, out of pride, they would have left out all their shortcomings.

Yet, scriptures tell us that these events that we read about in the Old Testament are there for our examples.

To learn from them.

You see, for the last three and a half chapters, all we have read about Noah was - how obedient he was. He didn't deviate from the plans God gave him to build the ark. He preached for 120 years up until God shut the doors to the ark. He offered up the sacrifice when God opened the doors to the ark.

Noah, righteous Noah, the man whom the scriptures tell us that walked with God – was now in a drunken stupor.

He was so drunk that he simply shed his clothes and lay there exposed, passed out on the floor.

Here mankind gets a second chance and Noah, the one who God selected, by grace, demonstrates man's propensity to give in to the desires of the flesh.

Always remember the following,

It's is when things are going well that we must be especially careful.

When we are in the midst of a storm, when trials are coming, we have a tendency to pray and seek the Lord. However, after the storm, when things calm down, this is when we go into autopilot and this is when we fall into trouble.

No longer are we on our guard, no longer are we dependent on Him or desperately crying out to Him,

This is what happened to Noah.

Church, before we throw stones at Noah we need to remind ourselves that we are all sinners – we all fall short of the glory of God.

Turn with me to Ephesians 2

**[Eph 2:1-4 NKJV] 1 And you [He made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,**

Every reason for God's mercy and love is found in Him. We give Him no reason to love us, yet in the greatness of His love, He loves us with that great love anyway.

**We must stop trying to make ourselves lovable to God, and simply receive His great love while recognizing that we are unworthy of it.**

This is what grace is –



The first time that wine is mentioned in scripture, it is associated with drunkenness. From Genesis to Revelation – drunkenness is forbidden. Why? **Because God is mean** – no, because drunkenness leads to one becoming exposed.

And exposure can lead to vulnerability – and this is what happens to Noah.

Let's look at 22 and 23 again,

**22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and **told** his two brothers outside. 23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid [it] on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces [were] turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.**

So Ham sees his father laying there passed out and naked. But in the Hebrew text, the words (saw the nakedness of his father) imply that Ham was having experiencing perverse satisfaction at the expense of his father's condition.

Instead of covering him up, he goes out to tell his brothers. Literally, the ancient Hebrew says that Ham “told with delight” what he saw in his father's

tent. He determined to mock his father and undermine his authority as a man of God.

Now, the other two sons do the exact opposite, they go to extreme measures not to see their father's nakedness and protect others from seeing his nakedness as well. Why? Because sin taints the way you view people.

It is not a matter of covering up sin – it's a matter of not gloating over someone else's sin as we all sin.

This is why gossip is a big cancer within the church –

“Did you here what is going on with so and so??? Let me tell you”

When we gossip, all we are doing is inviting others to see the vulnerabilities of others, the nakedness of others.

And when we entertain gossip about other people, you can make sure that the person spreading the gossip is revealing your vulnerabilities as well.

The chapter ends with Noah waking up from his stupor realizes what Ham had done and proceeds to curse Ham's decedent – Canaan, the father of the Canaanites.

And these were the same Canaanites that would later on become wicked and perverse and inhabit the Land of Canaan – the Land that God will promise to Abraham and all of his descendants.

The Canaanites would become so wicked that God orders their annihilation in order to put them out of their misery.

Noah lived 950 years, many of them spent walking with God. However, through the life of Noah, we can also see what could happen to us once we let our guards down.

May we learn from these examples that are given to us.

Amen...

Let's pray....

