

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!



An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in a large, bold, black font.

God's Covenant

Scripture text: **Genesis Ch 9:1-17**

Genesis 9:1-4 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.** The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. **Into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.**

A grant of lands of vast extent, and a promise of a great increase of men to occupy and enjoy them,. The first blessing is here renewed: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (v. 1), and repeated (v. 7), for the race of mankind was, as it were, to begin again.

Now, God sets the whole earth before them, tells them it is all their own, while it remains, to them and their heirs.

Note, The earth God has given to the children of men, for a possession and habitation.

Though it is not a paradise, but a wilderness rather; yet it is better than we deserve. Blessed be God, it is not hell.

Psalm 115:14-16 May the LORD give you increase, you and your children! May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth! The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

God instructed Noah to be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth (*Gen 9:1* *And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. , **Gen 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem on the earth and multiply in it."*) just as He had told Adam (*Gen 1:28* *And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*).**

And Noah, like Adam, was to have dominion over animals (9:2; cf. 1:26, 28).

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Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And **let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.**" So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Also both were given food to eat with one prohibition:

For Adam: Genesis 1:29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. **You shall have them for food.**

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

For Noah:

Genesis 9:3-6 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. **And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.** And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. "**Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed,** for God made man in his own image.

Leviticus 17:10-11 "If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them **eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.** For the **life of the flesh is in the blood,** and I have given it for you on the altar **to make atonement for your souls,** for **it is the blood that makes atonement** by the life.

That during the continuance of the law of sacrifices, in which the blood made atonement for the soul (Lev. 17:11), signifying that the life of the sacrifice was accepted for the life of the sinner, **blood must not be looked upon as a common thing**, but must be poured out before the Lord, **either upon his altar or upon his earth.**

Proverb 23:20 Be not among drunkards or among **gluttonous eaters of meat,**

That they must not be barbarous and cruel to the inferior creatures. They must be lords, but not tyrants; they might kill them for their profit, but not torment them for their pleasure, **nor tear away the member of a creature while it was yet alive, and eat that.**

This is cannibalism

Human cannibalism is the act or practice of humans eating the flesh or internal organs of other human beings. A person who practices cannibalism is called a **cannibal**. The expression *cannibalism* has been extended into zoology to mean one individual of a species consuming all or part of another individual of the same species as food, including sexual cannibalism. Some scholars have argued, however, that no firm evidence exists that cannibalism has ever been a socially acceptable practice anywhere in the world, at any time in history.

Leviticus 17:14 For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, **You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood.** Whoever eats it shall be cut off.

Deuteronomy 12:16 Only **you shall not eat the blood;** you shall pour it out on the earth like water.

Deuteronomy 12:22-25 Just as the gazelle or the deer is eaten, so you may eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike may eat of it. **Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the flesh.** You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water. **You shall not eat it, that all may go well with you and with your children after you, when you do what is right in the sight of the LORD.**

1 Samuel 14:31-33 They struck down the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the **people were very faint**. The people **pounced on the spoil** and took sheep and oxen and calves and slaughtered them on the ground. And **the people ate them with the blood**. Then they told Saul, "**Behold, the people are sinning against the LORD by eating with the blood.**" And he said, "You have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone to me here."

1 Samuel 14:34-36 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Let every man bring his ox or his sheep and slaughter them here and eat, and **do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.**'" So every one of the people brought his ox with him that night and they slaughtered them there. And Saul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD. Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and plunder them until the morning light; let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good to you." But the priest said, "**Let us draw near to God here.**"

Act 15:27-30 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. **For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.** If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

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This proves that **LIFE** has value in the sight of Almighty God!

Exodus 21:28-29 "When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox shall not be liable. **But if the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.**

How would this apply to those who have attack dogs that have mauled people?

Genesis 4:8-11 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and **killed him**. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "**What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.** And now **you are cursed** from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Exodus 21:12-15 "Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him by cunning, you shall take him from my altar, that he may die. "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.

Numbers 35:30-33 "If anyone kills a person, **the murderer shall be put to death** on the evidence of witnesses. But no person shall be put to death on the testimony **of one witness**. Moreover, you shall accept no ransom for the life of a murderer, **who is guilty of death, but he shall be put to death**. And you shall accept no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to dwell in the land before the death of the high priest. You shall not pollute the land in which you live, for **blood pollutes the land**, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, **except by the blood of the one who shed it**.

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When **God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.**

James 3:7-10 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with **it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.** From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Genesis 9:7 And you, be fruitful and multiply, teem [*increase greatly*] on the earth and multiply in it.“

An overwhelming task, supported by overwhelming favor from God!

The world was set before them, everything was new, they went forth with a promise, and that was from God.

Genesis 9:8-11 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, **I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you**, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; **it is for every beast of the earth**. I establish my covenant with you, **that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood**, and **never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.**"

Genesis 8:20-22 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "**I will never again curse the ground because of man**, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. **Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.** While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Isaiah 54:8-10 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. "This is like the days of Noah to me: **as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.** For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but **my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,**" says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Genesis 9:11-13 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.**