### Genesis 9:1

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them. "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth."



#### Genesis 9:7

"As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

- New diet "Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you."
- New stipulation "you must not eat meat that has its blood still in it."
- God establishes human judicial system. "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind."

**Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; **for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul**.'

Hebrews 9:22 "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins."

**Colossians 1:19-20** For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, <sup>20</sup> and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, <u>having made peace through the blood of His cross.</u>

**Genesis 9:8-17** God established his covenant with Noah, his descendants, and every living creature. God gave a sign for his covenant, the rainbow.

Genesis 9:18-26 Everyday decisions matter, because they affect others around us.

## Verses on drunkenness,

**Proverbs 20:1** Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise.

**Ephesians 5:18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

**Romans 13:13** Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

**Galatians 5:21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**1 Corinthians 6:10** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**1 Peter 4:8** "Above all, love each other deeply, (KJV fervently) because love covers over a multitude of sins."

Genesis 10:1-32 This is the establishment of nations.

Genesis 11 One language, collaborative efforts can accomplish much. Beware of pride.

Knowing how to discern God's will and plans.

- 1. Does our plan do good, or will it bring harm?
- 2. Will God be glorified by our work?
- 3. Does it align with Christ's words and His example?
  Is what we are planning to do something of eternal value?
- 4. Does it contradict what we already know about God's will and His character?
- 5. Will this plan enable me to walk in my gifting?
- 6. Pray, seeking a confirmation from God John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: Proverbs 3:5-7 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.
- 7. Wait on God's timing and don't give up

  Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

## Quick Recap

Pride is almost always a sin problem. What is at the center of both words? "I" James 4:6 "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."

We can enjoy a feeling of satisfaction in a job well done if it spurs us on to greater things for God.

# Focus for this week.

The hope we are called to display.

Hebrews 6:19 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

What is that hope? God's covenant promises are our hope!!!