**GOD'S PROMISE TO HUMANITY**

**(Genesis 9:1-17)**

**April 19, 2020**

**I. GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE (Genesis 9:1-3, 7)**

1. **The Blessing Of God's Gift (Genesis 9:1 & 7; 1:28)**

1. **God's Authority**
2. **God's Intention**

 **3. God's Grace (Genesis 3:20; 8:21)**

1. **The Responsibility Of God's Gift (Genesis 9:2-3)**
2. **To Be Stewards Of God's Gift (Genesis 1:28)**

 **2. To Survive The Curse**

**(Genesis 9:2-3; 3:17-19; Romans 8:18-22)**

**II. THE VALUE OF LIFE (Genesis 9:4-6)**

1. **To Respect God's Gift (Genesis 9:4-5)**
2. **Life Is In The Blood (Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 17:10-14)**

 **2. Atonement Is In The Blood (Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22)**

**Atonement defined:** Restoring harmony in a relationship by paying for a wrong

1. **To Value Human Life (Genesis 9:5-6)**

1. **The Creator Values Life (Genesis 9:5; Genesis 4:10)**

1. **The Creator Protects Life (Genesis 9:5-6a)**

1. **The Value Of Life (Genesis 9:6b; Genesis 1:26-27)**

 **III. GOD'S COMMITMENT TO LIFE (Genesis 9:8-17)**

 **A. A Personal Covenant (Genesis 9:6:18; 9:9, 12-13, 15-17)**

 **B. A Timeless Covenant (Genesis 9:9, 12)**

 **C. A Universal Covenant (Genesis 9:10, 12-13, 15-17)**

 **D. A Everlasting Covenant (Genesis 9:11, 14, 16)**

**APPLICATION**

**Life is precious to God who deeply desires a relationship with you!**

**So much so that His Son shed His own blood so that we might live!**

**1. Remember that God has been and always will be faithful to His promises.**

**2. Remember that God is concerned with the entire human race. Even with**

 **the situation the world finds itself in today.**

**3. Remember that sin is so terrible to a Holy God that He must remind**

 **Himself of His promise with a rainbow. Not that he would forget about his**

 **grace, but that we might recognize his grace and praise Him for it.**