

“Respect for Life” **Genesis 9:1-7**

I. PROSPERITY: "God blessed Noah" (vv.1-4)

A. Reproduce: "Be fruitful...multiply...fill" (v.1)

1. Favor: "blessed Noah and his sons"
2. Fertility: "fruitful...multiply...fill..."

B. Respect: "the fear...the terror" (v.2)

1. Dismay: "the fear of you and the terror of you"
2. Dominion: "every beast...bird...creepers...fish"

C. Reform: "food for you" (vv.3-4)

1. New Menu: "every moving thing" (v.3)
2. Old Mandate: "shall not eat...its blood" (v.4)

II. PENALTY: "require your lifeblood" (vv.5-7)

A. Life Sacred: "whoever sheds man's blood" (vv.5-6)

1. Responsibility: "from every beast...man" (v.5)
2. Reason: "in the image of God He made man" (v.6)

B. Life Swarms: "And as for you..." (v.7)

1. Posterity: "be fruitful and multiply" (v.7a)
2. Proliferation: "populate abundantly and multiply" (v.7b)

*Next week: **Read Romans 1:1-7***