

“Man’s Created Role Reinforced”

Genesis 9:1–7

Big Idea: In connection with the Noahic Covenant, God reinforced man’s created role.

- I. Man’s Created Role: Its Mandate of Fruitful Dominion (verses 1–4)
 - a. Original Blessing Reaffirmed (verse 1)
 - b. Original Dominion Reinforced (verse 2)
 - c. Original Diet Expanded (verses 3–4)
- II. Man’s Created Role: Its Sanctity as God’s Image (verses 5–7)
 - a. Man’s Lifeblood Required from Man and Beast (verse 5)
 - b. Capital Punishment Commanded by God (verse 6)
 - i. Executed by Human Government
 - ii. Explained by God’s Image
 - c. Abundant Procreation Reiterated for Image Bearers (verse 7)

Resulting Exhortations

- 1) Promote human flourishing.
 - a. Multiplied procreation of our race is still our divine mandate.
 - b. Human civilization of the earth is still our divine mandate.
- 2) Recognize human dominion.
 - a. Mankind is God’s special creation distinct from the beasts.
 - b. Only idolatry elevates animals or the natural world above mankind.
 - c. Mankind has great responsibilities as lords of the earth.

3) Uphold civil government.

- a. Civil government is primarily God's minister of criminal justice.
- b. Criminal justice must be administered according to God's law.
- c. Civil government which redefines its role will answer to a higher king.
 - i. Civil government can abdicate its duty within its jurisdiction.
 - ii. Civil government can usurp authority outside its jurisdiction.
 - iii. Civil governments are and will be judged by the King of kings.
- d. Christians anticipate a better kingdom ruled by God's righteous King.
 - i. The New Testament Church is the embassy of that kingdom.
 - ii. That kingdom will fully come when its King comes in visible glory.

4) Affirm God's good law.

- a. God's nature and word define right and wrong.
- b. To redefine morality for ourselves is a high crime of treason.
- c. Condemned rebels like us have only one hope.