



Noah

A Righteous Man in a Wicked Age

Lesson 11

Accountability to God for Life

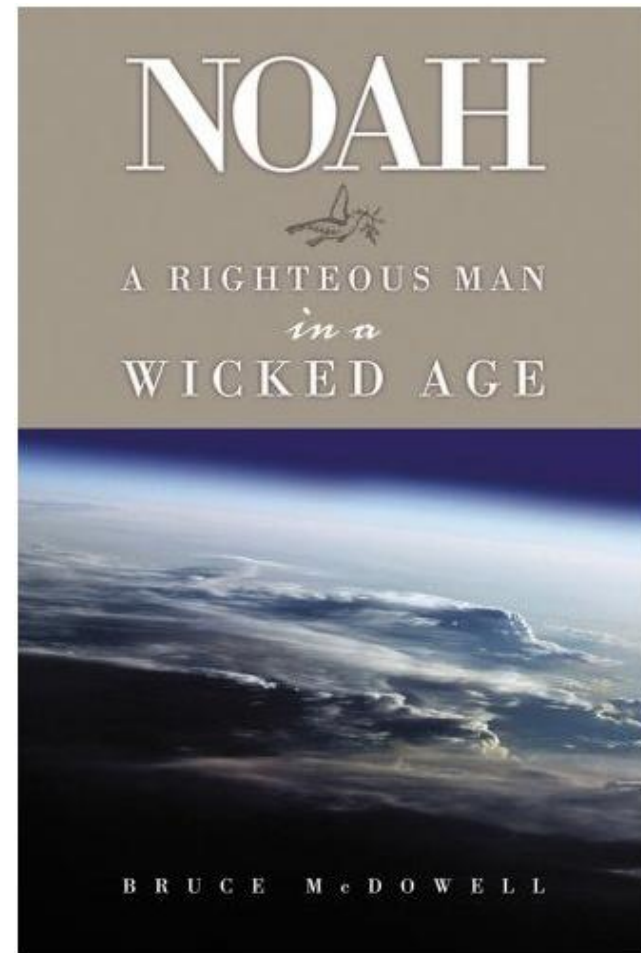


Genesis 9:5-7

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Course Outline

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■ For Your Lifeblood I Will Demand a Reckoning

- God puts the fear of man in animals (v. 4)
- God puts the fear of God in man (v. 5)

² And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.



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■ For Your Lifeblood I Will Demand a Reckoning

- Blood is the symbol of life
 - ✓ Jesus offers eternal life - in His blood (John 6:54)
- God demands an accounting for our lifeblood
 - ✓ From ourselves ... suicide
 - We may not take our own lives
 - We are accountable to God for hastening our own deaths
 - Will you go to Hell if you commit suicide?
 - ✓ From animals
 - Euthanize animals
 - Mosaic Law (Exodus 21:28)
 - ✓ From others
 - Murder
 - Will you go to Hell if you commit murder?

⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

²⁸ "If an ox gores a man or a woman to death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be* acquitted.



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■ For Your Lifeblood I Will Demand a Reckoning

- God holds us accountable for the lifeblood of others
- Those who kill their fellow human beings will have to answer to God
 - ✓ For their deeds, for men and women are made in the image of God.
- To attack a human being is to attack God
 - ✓ The Lord will bring judgment on the offender.
- All life is the gift of God
 - ✓ To take away life means to take the place of God.
 - ✓ The Lord gives life and He alone has the right to authorize taking it away



Accountability to God for Life

Capital Punishment

Chapters 9:6



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■ Whoever Sheds Man’s Blood

- Not everything that's legal is biblical
- Regardless of what philosophers, Congress, and courts may say,
 - ✓ God's mandate of capital punishment begins with "whoever."
 - ✓ It was given by God to be respected and obeyed by all people



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■ Whoever Sheds Man’s Blood

- Bible makes a distinction between *killing* and *murder*.
- Not all killing is murder,
 - ✓ There are cases where there is just cause for killing
 - Self-defense
 - Capital punishment with due process of law
 - Killing in a just war
 - ✓ There are other instances where killing is accidental.
 - This is killing, but not *murder*



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13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. **2** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. **4** For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.



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31 Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who *is* guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death. **32** And you shall take 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 priest. **33** So you shall not pollute the land where you *are*; for blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. **34** Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.”



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- Luther said, “God establishes government and gives it the sword to hold wantonness in check, lest violence and other sins proceed without limit.” (Boice)



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12 “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

13 However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee.

14 “But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.



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16 ‘But if he strikes him with an iron implement, so that he dies, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. **17** And if he strikes him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. **18** Or *if* he strikes him with a wooden hand weapon, by which one could die, and he does die, he *is* a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death. **19** The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death. **20** If he pushes him out of hatred or, while lying in wait, hurls something at him so that he dies, **21** or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck *him* shall surely be put to death. He *is* a murderer. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

30 Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not *sufficient* testimony against a person for the death *penalty*. **31** Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who *is* guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.



Accountability to God for Life

Blessings to Multiply

Chapters 9:7



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7 And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

■ Be Fruitful and Multiply

- Again the importance of filling the Earth is emphasized
 - ✓ First given to Adam and Eve
 - ✓ Then to Noah and his sons
- God's purposes for human life
 - ✓ To flourish
 - ✓ To multiply
 - ✓ To fill the Earth

Genesis 9:5-7 - Conclusions




- **God put the fear of man in animals (v. 2)**
- **God put the fear of God in man (v. 5)**
- **We are made in God's image**
- **We must demand an accounting for each life as God does**
- **God has given us that authority via human government**



Man: 'adam - Hebrew



Lexicon Results	
Strong's H120 - 'adam	
אָדָם	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
'adam	ä·däm' (Key) 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
masculine noun	From אָדָם (H119)
TWOT Reference	
25a	
Outline of Biblical Usage	
1) man, mankind a) man, human being b) man, mankind (much more frequently intended sense in OT) c) Adam, first man d) city in Jordan valley	
Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count — Total: 552	
AV — man 408, men 121, Adam 13, person(s) 8, common sort + 07230 1, hypocrite 1	

God: 'elohiym - Hebrew



Lexicon Results	
Strong's H430 - 'elohiym	
אלהים	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
'elohiym	el·ō·hēm' (Key)
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
masculine noun	Plural of אֱלֹהִים (H433)
TWOT Reference	
93c	
Outline of Biblical Usage	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) (plural) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) rulers, judges b) divine ones c) angels d) gods 2) (plural intensive - singular meaning) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) god, goddess b) godlike one c) works or special possessions of God d) the (true) God e) God 	
Authorized Version (KJV) Translation Count – Total: 2606	
AV – God 2346, god 244, judge 5, GOD 1, goddess 2, great 2, mighty 2, angels 1, exceeding 1, God-ward + 04136 1, godly 1	