



## Foundations Part 14

### Genesis 8

[18](#) So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

[19](#) Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

[20](#) Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

“Were not all ten of you cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Luke 17:11-19

[21](#) And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

[22](#) While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

### Genesis 9

[1](#) And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

[2](#) The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered.

[3](#) Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

[4](#) But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

[5](#) And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

[6](#) “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

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

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. (Rom 1-5)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chron 7:14)

Jacques Ellul “The Political Illusion” shows that current western faith in the state to solve our most basic problems is the height of folly. He calls on the individual to resist its ever-expanding encroachment on our lives. In times of moral decline the state will inevitably expand or else be overthrown, because the need for order demands it. But in times of high morality, which is synonymous with times of great faith and spiritual awakening, the government need function only in a minimal way.

[7](#) And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

[8](#) Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

[9](#) “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you,

[10](#) and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth.

[11](#) I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth. ”

[12](#) And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

[13](#) I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

[14](#) When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

[15](#) I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

[16](#) When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth. ”

[17](#) God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth. ”

[18](#) The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan. )

[19](#) These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

[20](#) Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard.

[21](#) He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.

for there is no one righteous, not even one, there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”  
(Rom 3:10-12)

“Even in our best condition we cannot meet satan; but in our weakened and debilitated state, sinning far more than we live virtuously, we are able to conquer him because Christ has given us the victory.”

[22](#) And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

[23](#) Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father’s nakedness.

[24](#) When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him,

[25](#) he said, “Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers. ”

[26](#) He also said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant.

[27](#) May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant. ”

[28](#) After the flood Noah lived 350 years.

[29](#) All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.