

Sermon Title: Life Matters

Reading: Genesis 9:1-17

Outline of the Passage:

- vv. 1-7 Connect the value of life to the image of God
- vv. 8-17 Connect the value of life to God's Covenantal Commitment

1. Life matters because God Obligates Himself to Preserve It (8-17)

Quote: "For the covenant of God is nothing other than a divine declaration concerning a method of perceiving the love of God, and achieving union and communion with Him."
(Nehemiah Coxe, Covenant Theology, p. 36, n. 7)

Quote: "God never made a covenant with man in which his goodness to him was not abundantly manifest. Yes, such is his infinite bounty that he has proposed no lower end to his covenant transactions with men than to bring them into a blessed state in the eternal enjoyment of himself." (p. 36, 37)

Second Point

2. Life matters because of God's image

Verse: 1, "And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ^a"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."

Verse 7, "And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

Psalm 104:14-15, "You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart."

Genesis 1:27-28

Matthew 28:18-20

Implications/Applications:

1. Our security, worth and dignity comes from God
2. Ethnic Hate or Pride has no place in the life of the believe - Galatians 3:27-29
3. Believers should defend defenseless lives

4. Believers are kings on the earth - not saviors

5. Justice is ultimately defined by God's word - his word is the highest standard