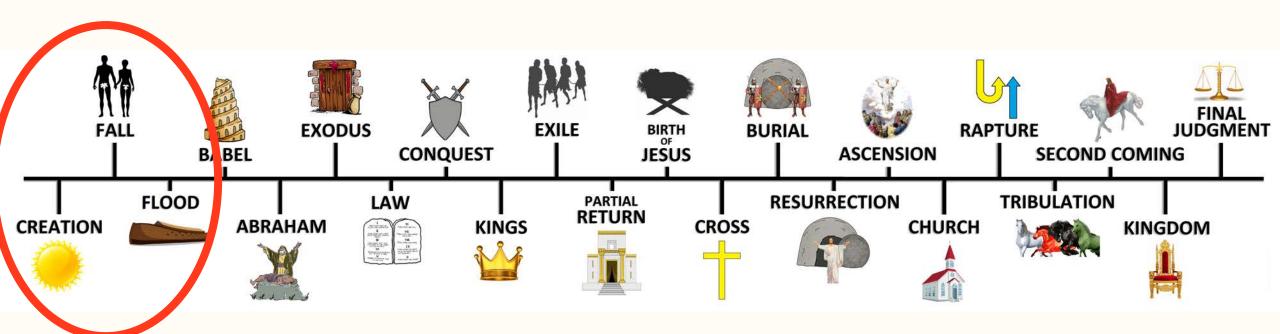
Interlocked Series
Lesson #06.2
October 10, 2023

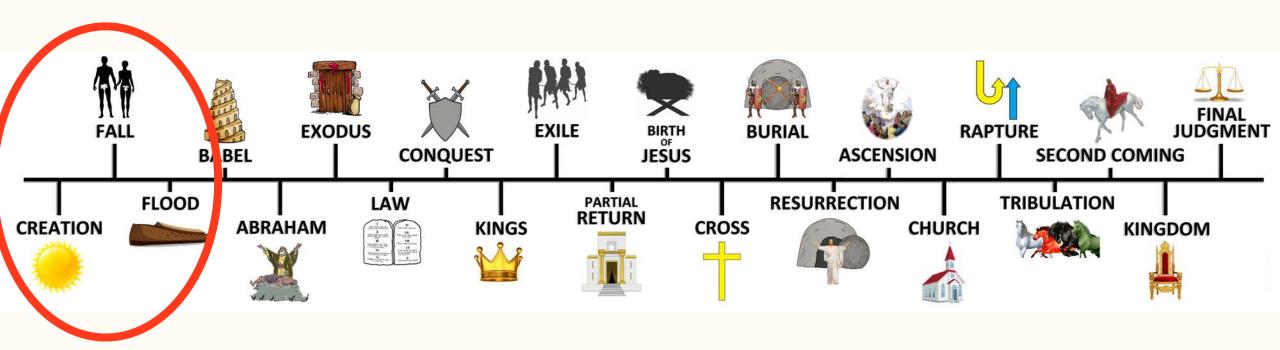
Dean Bible Ministries www.deanbibleministries.org © 2023, Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr.

INTERLOCKED

Lesson 6 Part 2: Reinstalled Divine Institutions

Lesson 6: The New World Covenant





Creation

Creator/creature
distinction
Man in God's image
Divine Institutions

Fall

Man wants to be God
Spiritual separation from God
Divine Institutions are all
affected
Promise of a Savior

Flood

Human evil knew no limits
Fallen angel incursion
God flooded the entire earth
New world covenant
A fourth Divine Institution

After the Flood

- 1. The Parties in the New World, the Noahic Covenant.
- 2. The Signing of the New World Covenant. *Isn't the rainbow a symbol of gay rights?
- 3. The Legal Terms of the New World Covenant *Is there really a God? Isn't what we see in "nature" just "natural law"?

The Reinstalled Divine Institutions

First Divine Institution: Responsible Choice

*Is it cruel to eat animals? Is being a vegetarian better?

Second Divine Institution: Marriage

After the Flood

The Reinstalled Divine Institutions

First Divine Institution: Responsible Choice

*Is it cruel to eat animals? Is being a vegetarian better?

Second Divine Institution: Marriage

Third Divine Institution: Family

*Was Noah unfair to (i) lay a curse and (ii) worse still, lay it on his grandson Canaan?

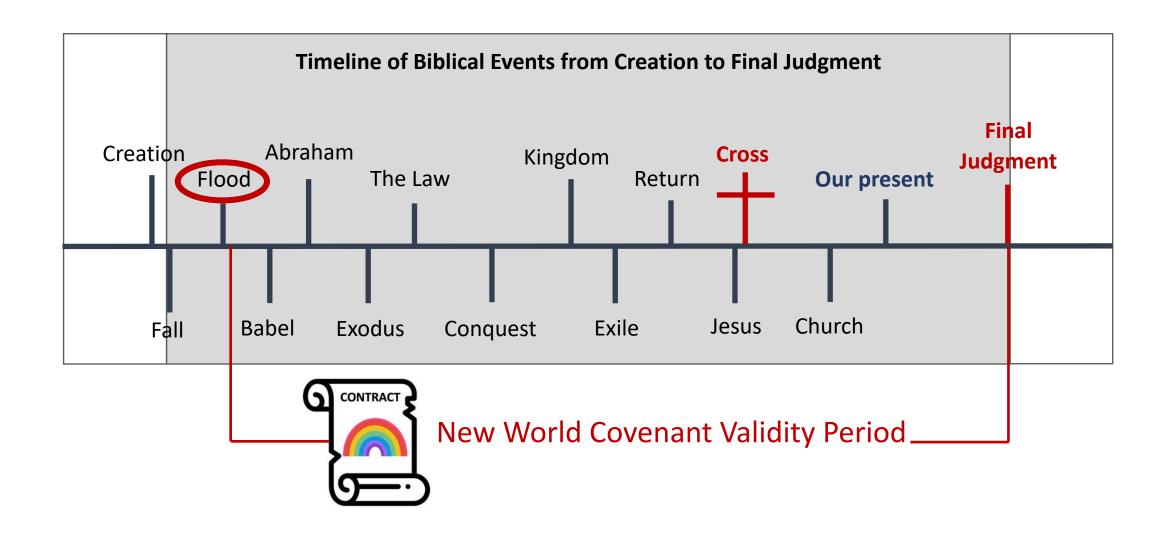
A New, Fourth Divine Institution

*Would a loving and forgiving God actually install capital punishment? Isn't capital punishment something believers should fight against as it is barbaric, unnecessary, and unjust?

Summary of the Divine Institutions

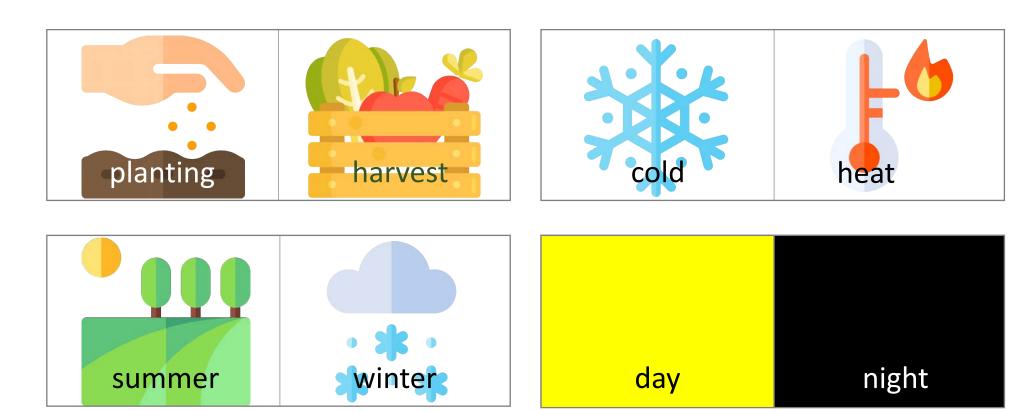
Summary of the New World Covenant

	New World Covenant (Noahic Covenant)
Parties	God, mankind, animals
Signatories (the one who signs)	God alone (with the rainbow)
Promises	No future global floods
Type of Covenant	Unconditional (God will keep His promise. It is not dependent on anything or anyone else.)



Gen. 8:22, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

God promises stability and certainty in nature



Gen. 8:22, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."



Is There Really a God?

Naturalism vs. Supernaturalism



Heb. 1:3, "who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,"

Col. 1:15, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Col. 1:16, "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Col. 1:17, "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

Matt. 5:45, "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."



God Says

I'm sustaining the world and everything in it.

I promise that the earth will always be able to grow food.

Man caused the fall of nature when man sinned against Me and fell.

Man is more valuable to Me than nature. I created nature for man.



Pagan Worldview Says

Man can and must act to save the world to survive! There is no God!

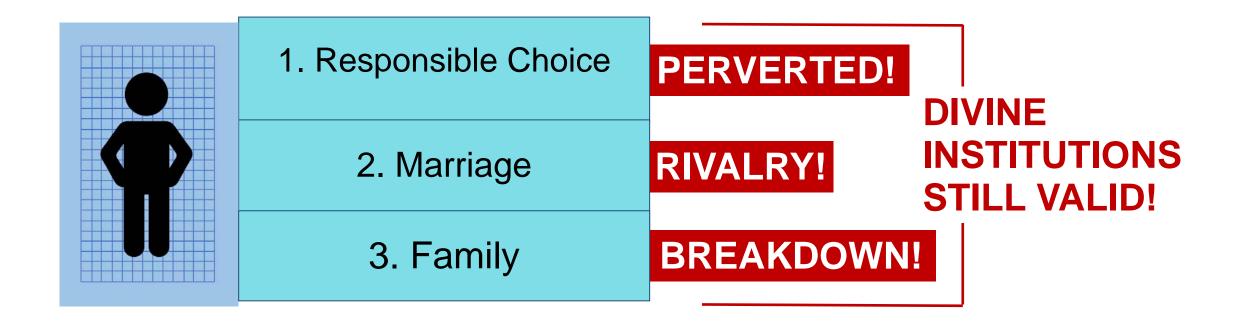
We're all going to starve to death because of climate change!

Man's lifestyle choices are destroying nature.

Nature is more valuable than man. We must limit our population to save nature.



God's Instructions after the Flood



First Divine Institution: Responsible Choice



Gen. 1:28, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'

Gen. 1:29, "And God said, 'See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

Gen. 1:30, "'Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food'; and it was so."

Gen. 9:1, "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Gen. 9:2, "'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.

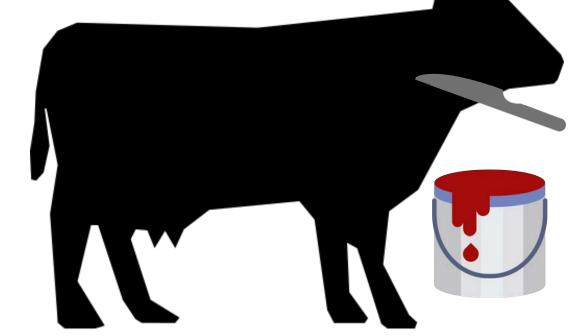
Gen. 9:3, " 'Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

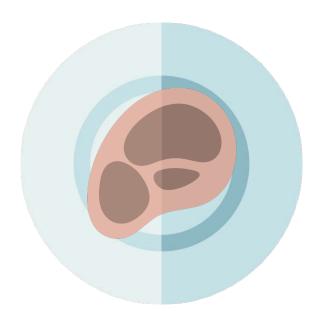
Gen. 9:4, "'But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.'"



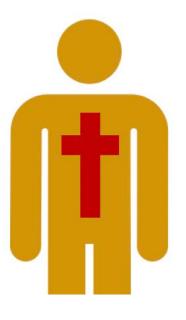
Gen. 9:4, "But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

Gen. 9:5, "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man."





Reminder of a sacrificial death: an animal died so that man can eat and live.



Jesus' sacrificial death:

Jesus will die
so that man can live.

Is it cruel to eat animals? Is being a vegetarian better?





Says

I give you meat for food

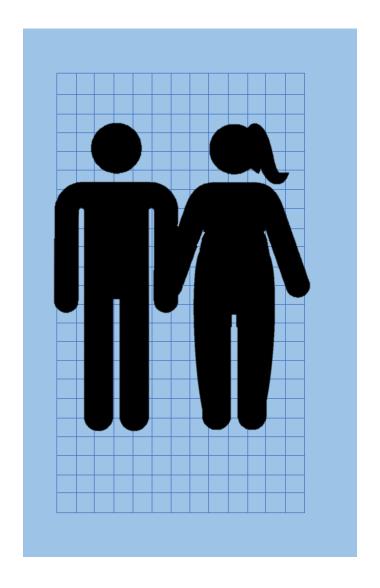
Satan Says



No! Don't eat meat! Does this mean that every Christian must eat meat?

- 1 Tim. 4:1, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 1 Tim. 4:2, "speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
- 1 Tim. 4:3, "forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
- 1 Tim. 4:4, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
- 1 Tim. 4:5, "for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Second Divine Institution: Marriage

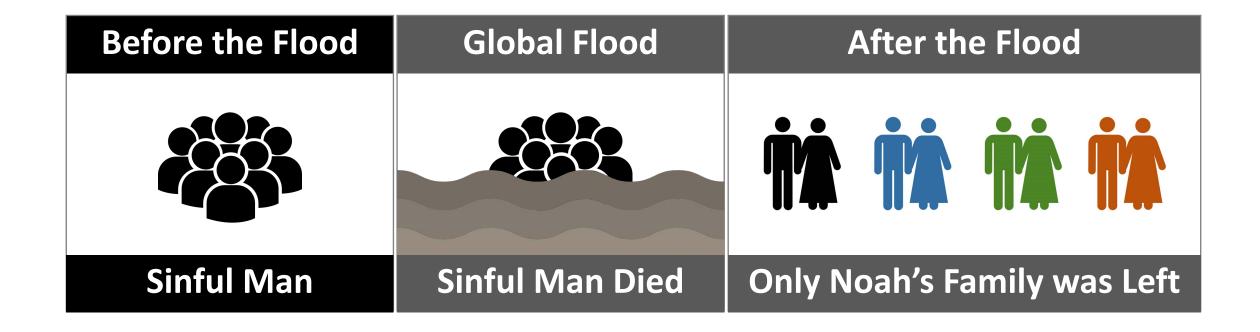


Gen. 1:28, "Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

Gen. 9:1, "So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.'"

Third Divine Institution: Family





The Problem



Evil Continued in the Heart of Fallen Man

Viticulture, the science of growing grapes, involves a number of factors: soil, the kind of grape to use, weather, timing of the rain, fermentation.



- Gen. 9:20, "And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.
- Gen. 9:21, "Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.
- Gen. 9:22, "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.
- Gen. 9:23, "But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.
- Gen. 9:24, "So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.
- Gen. 9:25, "Then he said: 'Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.'"



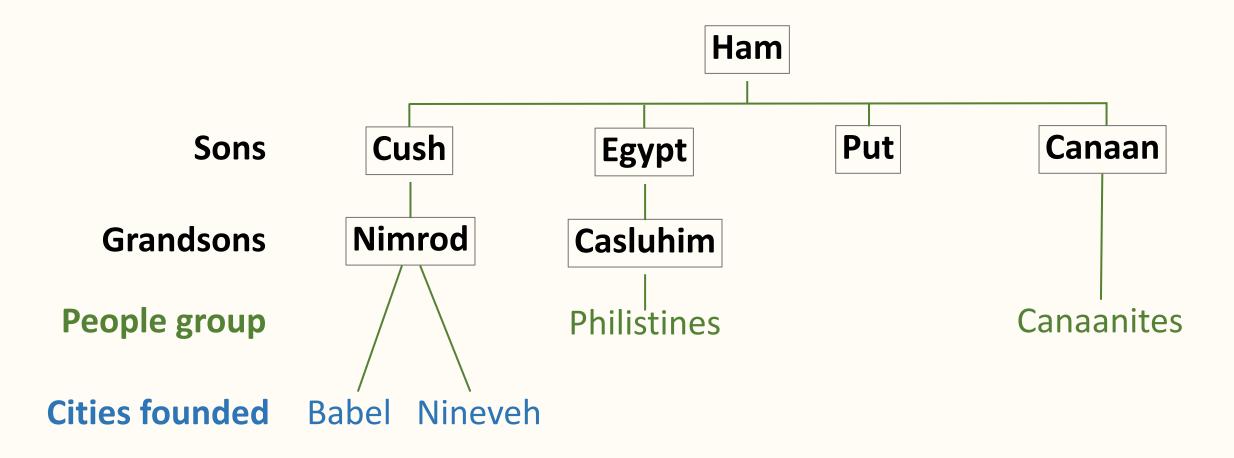
Psa. 104:14, "He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, that he may bring forth food from the earth,

Psa. 104:15, "And wine that makes glad the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart."

Eph. 5:18, "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,"

- Gen. 9:20, "And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.
- Gen. 9:21, "Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.
- Gen. 9:22, "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.
- Gen. 9:23, "But Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid *it* on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces *were* turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.
- Gen. 9:24, "So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.
- Gen. 9:25, "Then he said: 'Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants he shall be to his brethren.'"

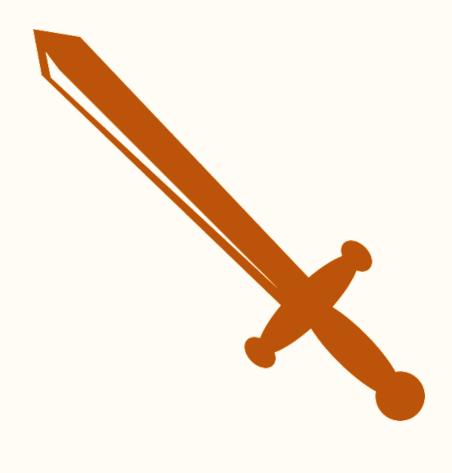
Was Noah unfair to (i) lay a curse and (ii) worse still, lay it on his grandson Canaan?



A New, Fourth Divine Institution

Gen. 9:5, "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

Gen. 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man."

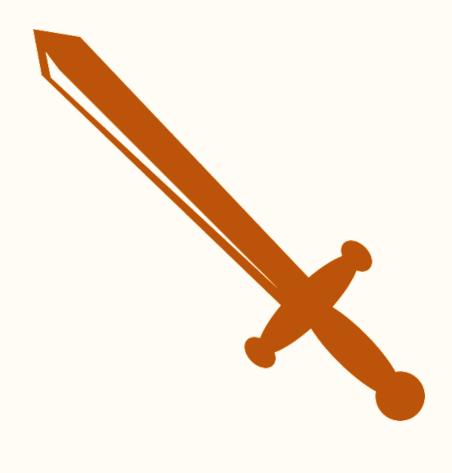


- Gen. 4:10, "And He said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.
- Gen. 4:11, "'So now you are <u>cursed from the earth</u>, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.
- Gen. 4:12, " 'When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.'
- Gen. 4:13, "And Cain said to the LORD, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear!
- Gen. 4:14, "'Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.'
- Gen. 4:15, "And the LORD said to him, 'Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.' And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him."

A New, Fourth Divine Institution

Gen. 9:5, "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

Gen. 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man."



THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS



RESTRAINS SOCIETY

1. Responsible Choice

4. Civil Government

2. Marriage

3. Family

Inset Question:

Would a loving and forgiving God actually install capital punishment? Isn't capital punishment something believers should fight against as it is barbaric, unnecessary, and unjust?

Psa. 7:11, "God is a righteous judge, and a God who denounces unrighteousness every day." [RD]

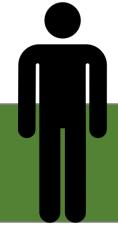
Gen. 18:25c, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do justly?" [RD]



Says

I am love. I define what love is. I rescue those I love from evil.

Man Says



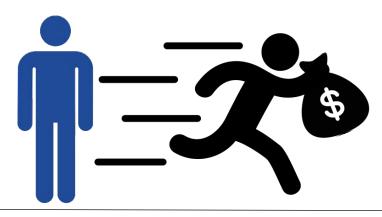
No! I define love. It is to accept everyone unconditionally!

Contrast this with how many nations today deal with theft in this scenario:

- The thief is thrown into jail, meaning he cannot earn a living to support his family.
- While in jail, the state has to house and feed him, taking up taxpayers' money.
- The thief's family often suffers from lack of income and has to go on welfare, using up even more taxpayers' money.
- The victim doesn't get his stolen property back.
- The victim claims insurance for his loss, meaning insurance buyers all fund his claim.

MAN'S JUSTICE

Man steals



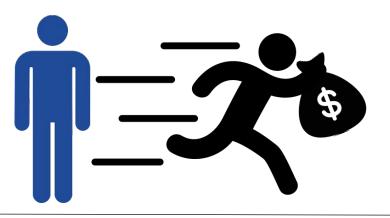
Man is jailed



- Victim not restored
- Society pays (court system, jail system)
- Criminal's family impacted

GOD'S JUSTICE

Man steals



Man repays

Victim restored



Criminal disciplined

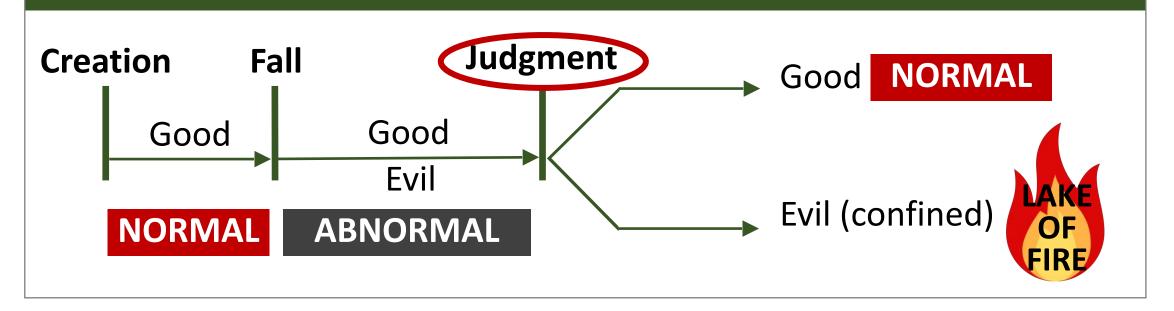
NO RESTITUTION



RESTITUTION



God Will Put an End to Evil at the Final Judgment

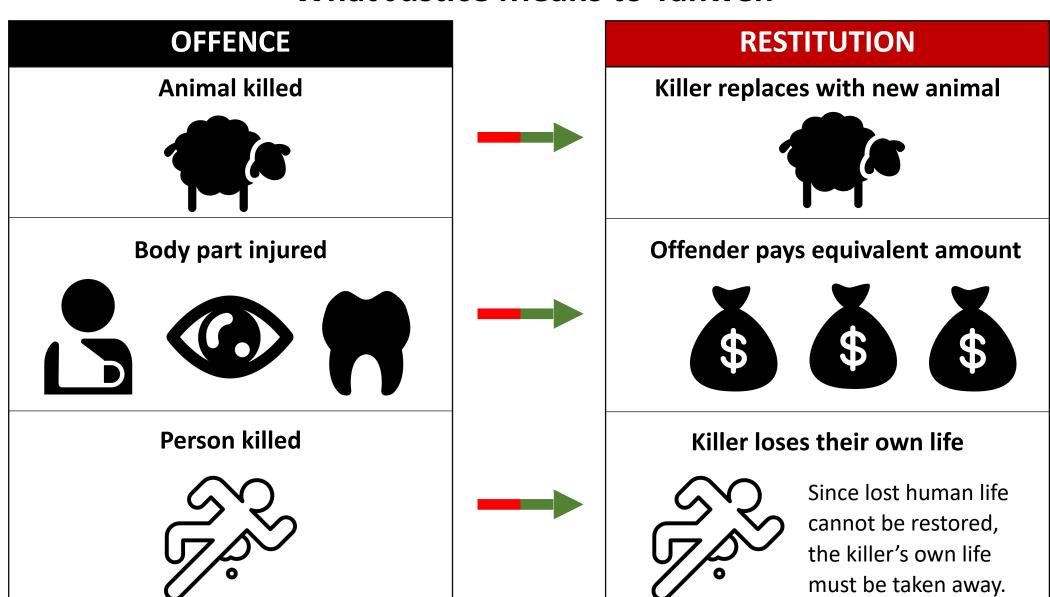


Ex. 21:23, "But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life,

Ex. 21:24, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

Ex. 21:25, "burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe."

What Justice Means to Yahweh



Rom. 13:1, "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.

Rom. 13:2, "Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves."

Rom. 13:4, "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."



Says





Whoever takes a life must repay with his own life.

No! I disagree! My personal judgment says this is wrong!

Common Arguments Against Capital Punishment

1. God first told Noah about capital punishment in the Old Testament. Times have changed.

2. Capital punishment does not discourage evil from occurring.

Num. 35:30, "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.

Num. 35:31, "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."

<u>Deut. 17:6</u>, "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

<u>Deut. 17:7</u>, "The hands of the witnesses shall be the first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So you shall put away the evil from among you."

3. It cannot be administered fairly (poor or powerless people can't defend themselves against the rich or powerful).

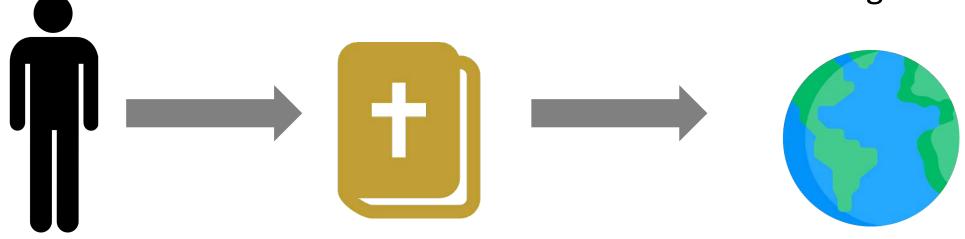
4. It's not very "Christian".

Acts 25:11, "For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

Luke 3:14, "Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, 'And what shall we do?' So he said to them, 'Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.'"

Ultimate authority:
The Word of God

The Word of God shapes our understanding of the world



Our own feelings?

Our own logic and reasoning?

Someone's personal experiences?

Examine the Origins:
Where does our perspective or "stand" on a particular topic come from?

God's Word in the Bible?

Articles or the popular media?

People we respect?

Summary of the Divine Institutions

Institution	-O- Creation	After the Fall	After the Flood
1. Responsible choice	Take care of the earth (under God's leadership).	Man fights against God's leadership and abuses nature.	Man fights against God's leadership and abuses nature.
2. Marriage	Loving partnership: Multiply and fill the earth.	Conflict: Husband and wife fight for control and suffer in their relationship with each other.	Conflict: Husband and wife fight for control and suffer in their relationship with each other.
3. Family	Train the children and family in the way of God.	Dysfunctional: Family members are rebellious, disrespectful and mean towards each other.	Dysfunctional: Family members are rebellious, disrespectful and mean towards each other.
4. Civil authority to take life	_	_	Given to sinful man to limit evil.