

- iv) The animals that creep on the earth
- 4) James remembers this in James 3 when he says that man can control every class of animals but he can't control his tongue.
- d. Then the Lord tells them that their diet is going to change
 - 1) They had a meat free diet up to this point.
 - 2) But the Lord allows them to have a diet with meat in it.
 - 3) There is a restriction
 - i) They could eat meat, but it couldn't have the blood in it.
 - ii) Why was this?
 - iii) It was because life is in the blood and the Lord wants man to have a healthy and proper respect for life.
- e. The institution of human government and capital punishment
 - 1) It is very interesting that after he mentions this, he goes right ahead and talks about the lifeblood in man and if any person or any animal sheds man's blood that person or animal will be accountable to the Lord.
 - 2) The man or animal will be accountable to the Lord, but not directly as in the case of Cain, but indirectly through the command that the Lord set up^x
 - 3) What did the Lord command right at this point when he is talking about somebody shedding another man's blood?
 - i) He said, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed."
 - ii) What is the Lord establishing here? He is establishing human government and giving man the authority to take the life of a man or animal if the man or animal kills another man.
 - iii) 9:6 is not personal revenge, but the carrying out of justice and that person is God's representative on earth to carry out justice.
 - iv) Human government is God's representative on earth to carry out justice. The Lord, instead of doing it directly like he did in the case of Cain, is going to do it through human government.
 - v) The reason capital punishment is the penalty for killing a man is because man is in the image of God. When a person murders someone else, it is not like killing an animal. It is destroying the image of God in a person and when you do that, you are to be put to death.
 - 4) As the Lord is commanding Noah and his family to spread out and populate the earth, he tells them to establish human government so that if a person murders another person, man is going to be God's representative with authority delegated to him to put the