

## Genesis 9:1-4 **Blessing and Expanded Food Authorization**

<sup>1</sup>“So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. <sup>4</sup> But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.” NKJV

Facts revealed:

- ✧ God returned to His ‘first commandment blessing’ to **“be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”** This is the same blessing command He gave at the time of original creation. This indicates God’s great love for mankind and His desire to have an earth full of people who love and worship Him.
- ✧ It was at this point that God put a fear of man in the heart of all the animals and birds and fish of the sea as well as on everything that moves on the earth.
- ✧ God expanded the dominion by saying that they are all given into the hand of man.
- ✧ It was also at this point that God first allowed eating of flesh and He said, “Every living thing that moves and lives shall be food for you.”
- ✧ God expanded that concept by saying that eating flesh would be equally acceptable as eating green herbs as He had appointed at the time of creation. [[see Genesis 1:29](#)]
- ✧ It was after the Flood that the animals also became carnivorous.
- ✧ However the “BLOOD was forbidden for food” at the time flesh was allowed to be eaten, with the explanation of the fact that “in the blood is the life.”
- ✧ This is consistent with the forbidding of blood in the law and passed on to the Gentile Church. **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”** [[Leviticus 17:11](#)]
- ✧ Blood restriction still applies to the Church of the Gentiles. [[see Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25](#)]
- ✧ Blood is sanctified by God Himself from the beginning to the end to emphasize the value of the sacrifice God had prepared for the cleansing of sin in the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, God put a high value and worth on the blood of both animal and man at the time He allowed blood to be shed, namely when they came out of the Ark.