

GENESIS IN THE BEGINNING...

5/5/24
Text:
Genesis
9:18-29

"A Covering for Shame"

1. A re-created world (vs. 18-20).

[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.

2. A foolish failure (vs. 21).

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

3. A disgraceful desecration (vs. 22).

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

4. A righteous response (vs. 23).

[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.

*1 Peter 4:8; Genesis 3:21; Psalm 32:1

5. A curse and a blessing (vs. 24-29).

[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.

*Leviticus 18; Galatians 3:29; 1 Peter 3:20; Genesis 12:2-3; Galatians 3:29; Colossians 3:11; 2 Corinthians 1:20; John 1:29

If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: What are proper biblical attitudes and practices regarding alcohol? How do you respond to your own failures and the vulnerabilities of others? Are there areas in your life where you need to seek forgiveness or offer grace? How can we remain on guard for sin and temptation? Contrast the attitudes and actions of the sons of Noah. What was the prophetic expectation for each of Noah's sons? When is it appropriate to cover over an offense in love? How can we resolve the guilt and shame we experience?

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