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# Genesis: From Blood to Babel

Lesson Nineteen • Genesis 9:18-29

## The Rest of the Story

#### The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

The Bible never tries to HIDE the sins of the saints.

# The Rest of Noah's Story Reveals Three Truths Truth #1 The SIN We All Have!

Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. Genesis 9:18-19

And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. Genesis 9:20-21

#### A Hero of the Faith Falls

Noah's sin was <u>DRUNKENNESS</u> and the effect of his sin was <u>NAKEDNESS</u>.

## Truth #2 The SHAME We All Feel!

And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 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. Genesis 9:22-23

#### Response of Noah's Sons to His Shame

- Ham <u>DISHONORED</u> his father by looking at his nakedness and then exposing his father's shame to his brothers.
- Shem and Japheth <u>PRESERVED</u> the honor of their father by covering his nakedness without looking.

## Truth #3 The SAVIOR We All Need!

So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; servant of servants he shall be to his brethren." And he said: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant. May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant." Genesis 9:24-27

#### Noah's Prophecy of Cursing and Blessing

- > The Cursing: Canaan and his descendants would live in <u>SERVITUDE</u> because they would follow in the sin of Ham.
- The Blessing: Shem and his descendants would enjoy God's <u>FAVOR</u> because of their relationship with the Lord.

#### **Ultimate Blessing**

You are blessed if your sins have been <u>COVERED</u> in Jesus Christ. He is the ultimate covering for our sin—He is "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1:29).

"Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

"King David, Psalm 32:1

### **Lesson from Noah's Obituary**

After the Flood  $\underline{\text{DEATH}}$  still reigns because of sin, but  $\underline{\text{GRACE}}$  still prevails because of Jesus Christ.

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died. Genesis 9:28-29

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:20-21 NIV