

Moving Forward – Genesis 9:18-29

I. Introduction – Noah and the Ark ... not a children's story

II. Review

- III. **Genesis 9:18-28** 18Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham was the father of Canaan. 19These three *were* the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated. 20Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard. 21He drank of the wine and became drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent. 22Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. 23But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness. 24When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25So he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
A servant of servants
He shall be to his brothers.”

26He 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.”

28Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. 29So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

IV. Outline –

a. Vv. 20-21 – The Fall of Noah

- i. Sin of Drunkenness – Ephesians 5:18; James 4:5

b. Vv. 22-24 – The Sin of Ham

- i. See and Told (Gen 3:6, Gen 6:2; Exodus 20:5; Gen 9:26; 10:15-19) – Dishonored His Dad

c. Vv. 25-27 – The Prophecy of Noah

- i. Why Canaan? Why so severe?

V. Lessons From This Story –

- a. Righteous, Mature Christians still _____. (1John 1:9; Luke 22:31; Jeremiah 17:9)
- b. God's people need to respond to people's sin _____. (Matt 18:15; Gal 6:1,2; Matt 7:5; Proverbs 10:12; 1Peter 4:8)
- c. Sin has _____. (Galatians 6:7, 8)
- d. Knowing the true God has great _____ and _____. (Genesis 9:26; 10:2-5; Romans 11; Eph 2; Col 1:24-29)

VI. Communion –

- a. John 19:23-24 – ESV²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic.^d But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things,
- b. Hebrews 12:1,2 - ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, **despising the shame**, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

“Listen to me, Shame, do you see that joy in front of me? Compared to that, you are less than nothing. You are not worth comparing to that! I despise you. You think you have power. Compared to the joy before me, you have none. Joy. Joy. Joy. That is my power! Not you, Shame. You are worthless. You are powerless.

You think you can distract me. I won't even look at you. I have a joy set before me. Why would I look at you? You are ugly and despicable. And you are almost finished. You cover me now as with a shroud. Before you can say, 'So there!' I will throw you off like a filthy rag. I will put on my royal robe.

You think you are great, because even last night you made my disciples run away. You are a fool, Shame. You are a despicable fool. That abandonment, that loneliness, this cross — these tools of yours — they are all my sacred suffering, and will save my disciples, not destroy them. You are a fool. Your filthy hands fulfill holy prophecy. Farewell, Shame. It is finished.”

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-does-it-mean-for-jesus-to-despise-shame>