

# SIN IN THE NEW WORLD – GENESIS 9:18-29

## 1 PROPAGATION — Ge.9:18-19

### POPULATION

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

- The sons Shem, Ham and Japheth are introduced again to us as the propagators of life. They are listed in Genesis 10.
- Only the son of Ham is named here. He is Canaan the future grandson of Noah.
- This gave Israel a historical justification for being the future instrument of judgment on Canaan.
- All humanity came from Adam and Eve. We are all made “from one blood” (Ac.17:26). And God formed the nations.
- There is in the end, only one race: man. The differences come from culture and adaptation, not creation.

## 2 POLLUTION — Ge.9:20-22

### SIN NATURE

<sup>20</sup>And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. <sup>21</sup>Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. <sup>22</sup>And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. (Ge.9:20-22)

- Ge.8:21, “the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.” We are all born with a sin nature inherited from Adam.
- Noah survived the judgment because he was declared righteous (Ge.6:8; 7:1), yet he introduced sin into the new world.
- There is in this fallen world the potential for God's good gifts to become dangerous. Too much of a good thing idea.
- Noah lost his sense of shame and decency. Noah lost control of his sense of inhibitions, and he acted in an impure fashion, and he exposed himself.
- We don't need to take the immodesty of Noah and turn it into some act of fornication. It is enough to say that he dishonored himself by losing control of his normal inhibitions.

## 3 POLARIZATION — Ge.9:23-29

### BLESSING / CURSING

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him. <sup>25</sup>Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren." <sup>26</sup>And he said: “Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant. (Ge.9:23-26)

- Those who follow God and honor him, there will be blessing; for those who don't there will be cursing. This is the pattern for redemptive history (Du.27-28).
- You are either among the blessed or among the cursed. There are no middle people.
- Noah could not curse Ham because he was a righteous man. It appears Cush, Mizraim, and Put were also righteous.
- The only person that God is going to curse is somebody who rejects him. The curse was passed through to Canaan.
- It appears Canaan is the first son of Ham that is an unbeliever. Most believe Canaan has not yet been born. It appears this is prophetic revelation under divine direction.
- God providentially put Canaan into the Promised land so they would later be judged by Israel as they entered the land.
- This is the polarization: The sons that did what was right were blessed. This son who did evil was cursed.