



Genesis 9—Part 2 [Verses 18-29]
From Sermon 9.20.20

Read *Genesis 9:18-29*

Review from Sunday's sermon: When chapter 9 opened, Noah was excelling in his walk. He built the ark without question. He patiently and faithfully waited out the flood. He's the new father of all mankind. But, something else survived the flood on the ark: sin. All eight redeemed people still have a sin nature. Before the chapter concludes, a bizarre and ugly event occurs in the Noah household—with Noah falling into sin as well.

1. Read *1 Corinthians 10:11-12*. Why does the Bible contain the failings of all its main characters? (Obviously, not Jesus). Various answers. But, include: to show the universality of sin. To proclaim the holiness of God. As a warning to all believers that sin is always lurking at the door and no one is immune.

1a. How do we know Noah, Moses, & David were all sinners/sin nature: They all died
[Some have asked: Would Jesus have lived forever? Yes. His body was sinless/no sin nature. His body could die from outside factors (and did). New resurrected bodies cannot.]

2. Re-read 9:21. What was Noah's sin? His obvious sin was drunkenness. The more obscure, undefined sin was whatever happened in that tent regarding his nakedness. The language does lend to Noah exposing himself.

3. What sin did Canaan commit? We aren't entirely sure. There are no details here. Yet, Noah knows he did something and cursed him. The Canaanite line is associated with sexual immorality.

4. There is theological position that the curse on Canaan included banishment from the family. Why is that believed? See also the following Scriptures:

Genesis 4:10-12—The curse on Cain

Leviticus 18:29—The Law of Moses. (Commonly means to put to death)

Deuteronomy 7:1-4—The separating God calls for later

1 Corinthians 5:11-12—The practice of church discipline verses.

5. From Sunday, what was the practical admonishing, given to believers, in the banishing/separating stories and instructions? We must make the hard—sometimes heartbreaking—choices to remove those things that influence us into sin. It can be times, situations, places, or people.

- *Hebrews 12:1*—
- *Matthew 5:30*—
- *1 Corinthians 15:33*—
- *2 Corinthians 6:14-17*—

Martin Luther (not King) once said: "You cannot keep birds from flying over your head. But, you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." What did he mean in that illustration? Temptations come anyway and cannot be stopped. Take the steps necessary from taking hold and controlling us. This Christian life is hard enough without entertaining those things which we can avoid.

6. How do we balance that with evangelism in the fallen world? Be in the world, not of the world. Often must take place on our terms and our places, not theirs, if that would be a temptation to us.