

LISTEN UP & WRITE IT DOWN

The Disgrace of Noah & the Blessing of Shem

The Gospel According to Genesis: Beginnings

Genesis 9:18-29

Sunday, June 7, 2009

I. What Happened in the Family of Noah . . . (Cont.)

What is the CONTENT of Noah's oracle?

- Toward Ham (Canaan)
- Toward Shem
- Toward Japheth

II. Why We're Told About It. . . .

So that we might see, know and understand . . .

1. The _____ of sin in every _____ and every _____.
2. The _____ of sin are _____ and often _____.
3. The _____ of God toward sin is continual and certain.
4. The ongoing _____ between the two humanities; those who live apart and _____ from the Lord and those who _____ and walk with the Lord.
5. The _____ of God toward humankind throughout _____ and climaxing in the coming of the _____, Jesus Christ.

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What does the Bible teach about drinking alcohol?

The Bible does not prohibit the _____ of alcohol, but the Bible does _____ and warn about the _____ of alcohol _____.

2. Noah's _____

3. Ham's _____

4. Shem & Japheth's _____

5. Noah's Oracle

What is the Biblical function of Noah's oracle?

- A _____ for God's judgment & blessing
- A _____ of God's judgment & blessing
- A _____ of God's judgment & blessing

THINK IT OVER !

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1. Read Genesis 9:18-29 again and recount the events leading up to this one. Who has Noah been? How does he appear here?
2. Do you think Noah sinned or was he just naïve? If he did sin, what was his sin?
3. What about Ham? What was his sin and how is it an act of subversion and an expression of living apart and autonomous from God? How does the act of Ham's brothers highlight this?
4. What Genesis characters before him is Ham to be identified with? How does this incident and Noah's oracle echo earlier Genesis chapters and movements?
5. What's the deal with Noah's oracle? Is he praying, is he prophesying or is he proclaiming judgment and blessing upon his sons? Was he speaking God's Word here or asking God to fulfill his words?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What was new and most challenging for you in this week's text/message?
2. Read Psalm 104:15, Proverbs 31:4-7 and Proverbs 23:29-35. What do these passages teach us about alcohol consumption? What is your own personal view and stance on the consumption of alcohol?
3. Without looking at the outline, what are some reasons why God's Word tells us the hidden secrets and dirty laundry of Noah's family?
4. How does this text point us to the Gospel and Jesus Christ?
5. Why is this text such a great path to the Lord's table? What does it show us about ourselves? What does it tell us about God?