

The Curse on Canaan

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TEXT: Genesis 9:18-29

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18 Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.

19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.

20 And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

21 Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 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.

BASIC STORY: Father gets _____. Son shows _____ and brings _____. Grandson is _____.

LETTER A: Sometimes _____ people can do very _____ things. And they often _____ others in the process. Usually it's the people _____ to them who get hurt the _____.

LETTER B: _____ and _____—these are moral _____ that accompany _____.

LETTER C: We are a part of a society that senses no _____ and no _____ at moral _____ of any kind.

Genesis 9:24-29

24 *So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.*

25 *Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."*

26 *And he said: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem, and may Canaan be his servant.*

27 *May God enlarge Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem; and may Canaan be his servant."*

28 *And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.*

29 *So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.*

LETTER D: There is such a thing as _____. Just as your physical _____ are passed down to your children, even so your personal _____ and _____ as passed down as well.

LETTER E: Under the _____ of the Holy Spirit, Noah looked into the future and saw that Ham's evil deed was _____ of a deeper _____ against _____, against the _____, against _____, and against _____.

Contemporary Applications:

- _____ your parents.
- _____ the family.
- Don't _____ about the weakness of others.
- Remember that _____ covers a multitude of sins.
- Beware of the _____ of alcohol.
- Cover yourself up. Remember that _____ is a godly virtue.
- Take God and his Word _____.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”
(Ephesians 4:3).

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

The things that unite us are far greater than the things that divide us.

- We are all made in God's image.
- All of us are sinners, no difference there.
- And all of us are saved by the same grace, all are redeemed by the blood of Christ, and all are indwelt by the same Holy Spirit.
- We worship the same God, read the same Bible, and we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.