

The Blessing of God and the Shame of Man
Genesis 9:18-29, Pew Bible p. 7
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I. Where Shame Comes From (V. 18-21)

- A. All of man's problems originate from sin.
 - 1. We do wrong things instead of good things.
 - 2. We use good things the wrong way.
- B. One of the greatest consequences of sin is shame.
 - 1. Shame is dreadful.
 - 2. Shame is inescapable.

II. What Shame Leads To (V. 22-29)

- A. Uncovered shame leads to more shame.
 - 1. Sinners love to gawk at the shame of others.
 - 2. Sinners prefer to cover up shame with more sin.
- B. Shame cannot be hidden from God, so man has two choices.
 - 1. Ask God to cover our shame by the cross.
 - 2. Provoke God to expose our shame by His wrath.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 9:18-29.
2. How is Noah's act of getting drunk on the produce of his vineyard (V. 20) like the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3?
 - a. What does this tell us about man's capacity to do bad things with the good things God has made?
3. How did Noah's drunkenness lead to shame, according to verse 21?
 - a. Has an unwise choice you have made ever led you to shame? How?
 - b. What does this tell us about the relationship between sin and shame?
4. What does Ham's act of not only seeing his father's shame but spreading news of it to others (V. 22) say about his heart?
 - a. In what ways do people today gawk at shame and why is it so evil?
 - b. In what ways do people today try to cover up shame in an evil way?
5. What does Shem and Japheth's decision to cover their father's shame (V. 23) say about their heart?
 - a. Why is it godly to protect people's dignity today?
 - b. What is the difference between covering up shame to protect dignity and covering up shame to enable sin?
6. What does the curse of Ham through Canaan say about the ongoing effect of gawking at shame?
 - a. How should Christians take their shame to God?
 - b. What are some ways you are tempted to gawk at shame and how can you protect yourself from it?
7. Pray for our church members to have a biblical view of shame that we may submit it to Christ alone for healing. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.