



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

CHARACTER CREATES CONSEQUENCES

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I. The Inhabitants and Inheritors of God's Earth (Gen. 9:18-19)

The Inhabitants: “*sons of Noah*”

The Inheritors: Verse 19 tells us that from these three men “*the whole world was populated*” (i.e., scattered—same word as used in verse 7).

II. The Iniquity of One—Ham (Gen. 9:20-22)

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The Bible does express that wine can make the heart glad (Ps. 104:15) and that it can be used for medicinal purposes (1 Tim. 5:23), and Jesus Himself turned water into wine for guests at a wedding.

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Several important things about Noah's drunkenness become instructive for us:

1. It was wrong/sinful for Noah to get drunk. All drunkenness is dishonoring to God.
2. It shows us the human weakness in a godly man, which further shows us every person's need for God's sustaining grace so that we can effectively put off the sin of our hearts for God's honor and glory.
3. It reinforces God's teaching that *personal* sin is not *private* sin in its effect on us and those who relate to us. There is no such thing as *private* sin or *secret* sins, as something limited to harming only me.
4. Your unrepentant sin negatively impacts you, and you carry those negative effects with you into your relationships.

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1. Ham “*saw the nakedness of his father....*”

“*Saw*” = looked at in the sense of “violating a boundary.”

“The same word is used in 1 Samuel 6:19, when God killed 70 people because they looked upon the ark of the Lord.” (*J. Sarfati*)

It means Ham knew he was violating God’s law toward his dad.

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What was the iniquity of the one (Ham)? His sin was revealed in two actions in verse 22.

1. Ham “*saw the nakedness of his father....*”
2. Ham “*...told his two brothers outside...*”

Inwardly, in his heart, Ham mocked and demeaned his father. His behavioral sins point to his heart’s condition and attitude toward Noah and toward God.

Ham was exposing his inner contempt, his dishonor.

III. The Indictment of Many (Gen. 9:24-27)

IV. The Integrity of Some (Gen. 9:23)

V. The Inheritance of Many (Gen. 9:26-27)

A person stands on a rock in the foreground, silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The text "GRACE CHURCH" and "WILLIAMSBURG" is overlaid in white serif font.

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