

Genesis 9:18-29
The Trouble Re-Starts

Life and depravity ...

I. Drunkenness

- A. Fermentation
- B. Fool-heartedness

II. Inappropriateness

- A. Disrespect
- B. Decorum

III. Curses and Blessings

- A. Descended
- B. Dispersed

... death and legacy.

Postscript: Hope for a broken, sinful, messy world

Children, Listen ...

1. Did sinning stop after the flood?
2. Did Noah drink too much wine? How do you know?
3. Was Ham respectful to his father?
4. Did the whole human race come from Shem, Ham and Japheth and their wives?
5. Is there any hope for humans who are guilty of sin? Explain.

Truth, Trouble and Triumph

The trouble with the truth is that, sometimes, it can be very awkward. But Scripture, while it sometimes uses euphemistic language (usually more euphemized in our translation by the way), in most cases lays things out in terms and details in surprisingly graphic ways. The situation with Noah is actually quite tame in the way that it is told, and yet it can make us squirm a little in mixed company – age and gender wise – and rightly so, sin does that. Noah's sin places him in a compromising position and Ham takes advantage of it, as we can suppose, for inappropriate amusement and perhaps even mockery. Sin has consequences as is born out in the curses and blessings that follow. The bad news is that the raw truth of sin did not go away with the flood – and awkward as it may be to deal with certain varieties of it the root and the activity, sin and sins must be addressed. The good news is that deliverance from sin is addressed in the Savior Jesus, and though man propagates sinners and sins, those who trust in Him are set free from the curse of corruption of depravity into the blessing and sanctification of saving faith.