

**“THE SIN OF NOAH & THE CURSE OF CANAAN”**  
(Genesis 9:18-29)

**F. The PRONOUNCEMENT & CURSE by NOAH of CANAAN & the BLESSING of JAPHETH & SHEM. (9:18-29)**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah are highlighted: *“Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan.” (9:18)* Why is Canaan highlighted?
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the world’s future population was due to these 3 sons of Noah and their wives: *“These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.” (9:19)* Where will this be further developed?
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah: *“And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk ...” (9:20-21a)* What is noteworthy about Noah’s occupation? Why?
  - What does this teach us about “sin”?

**\*\*\*\*\* What does the Bible teach us about Vineyards, Wine, and Drunkenness? \*\*\*\*\***

- Ephesians 5:18

- 1) Grapes & vineyards were created by \_\_\_\_\_; thus, they are not inherently wrong. However, drunkenness is \_\_\_\_\_ in both the Old Testament (Prov.20:1; Isa.5:11, 28:7-8, 56:11-12) and the New Testament, (Rom.13:13; 1 Cor. 11:21; Eph.5:18; 1 Thess.5:6-8) which indicates this is a \_\_\_\_\_ for all dispensations and ages.
- 2) Drunkenness is a \_\_\_\_\_ and is a \_\_\_\_ (Gal.5:19), oftentimes with \_\_\_\_\_ results (Prov.23:20-21, 29-35; Hosea 4:1; Gen.9:21; Deut.21:20). Drunkenness is \_\_\_\_\_ through the blood of Christ (1 Cor.6:9-11), and \_\_\_\_\_ in light of a believer’s POSITION IN CHRIST and through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor.6:19-20; Eph.5:18).
- 3) DRINKING wine is not strictly \_\_\_\_\_ among believers in Christ as it is an area of personal liberty and conscience in which each believer will give an account for at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:1-12); thus, you are not to \_\_\_\_\_ other believers, nor are you to put a \_\_\_\_\_ for others to fall as your liberty is not designed to do your will but to serve Christ & others in love. (Romans 14:13-18) A believer must not violate his \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord in drinking alcohol, and must be willing to total abstain if it would cause another believer to stumble, or be offended, or be made weak (Rom.14:20-23; 1 Cor.8:9), or if it would be a bad testimony to the unsaved (1 Cor.10:31-32).
- 4) While it is not wrong to be present when unbelievers are drinking alcohol (Matt.11:19; John 2), believers are not to \_\_\_\_\_ with fellow-believers who are drunkards ( 1 Cor.5:11), nor pursue or participate in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 4:1-4 ).
- 5) Neither \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ are to be ADDICTED TO WINE to be qualified to serve in the local church (1 Tim.3:3, 8; Tit.1:7), though they may drink a LITTLE WINE for \_\_\_\_\_ reasons if needed (1 Tim.5:23; Luke 10:34; Prov.31:6-7). Older \_\_\_\_\_ are especially warned to NOT be ENSLAVED TO WINE (Titus 2:3).

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah: *“and became uncovered in his tent.”* (9:21b) What exactly is this sin?
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ sight for Ham: *“And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father”* (9:22a) What does “saw” mean?
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Ham: *“and told his two brothers outside.”* (9:22) How was Ham’s reaction the wrong reaction to his father’s sin?
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Shem & Japheth: *“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.”* (9:23) What can we learn from this?
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ by Noah: *“So Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done to him.”* (9:24) How did he find out?
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ ...
  - a. of a curse by Noah upon Canaan - \_\_\_\_\_: *“Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."* (9:25) Why would this be significant to Moses’ readers?
    - Why was Canaan singled out & Ham not cursed or his other sons?
  - b. of a blessing by Noah upon Shem - \_\_\_\_\_: *“And he said: "Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem, And may Canaan be his servant.”* (9:26) What word for “the LORD” is used by Noah?
    - Did this prophecy become true?
  - c. of a blessing by Noah upon Japheth - \_\_\_\_\_: *“May God enlarge Japheth, And may he dwell in the tents of Shem; And may Canaan be his servant.”* (9:27) Did this prophecy get fulfilled in the future?
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Noah: *“And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.”* (9:28-29)
  - How long did Noah live?
  - Should we be surprised by this ending of this toledot?
  - Some closing applications: