

Adult Bible Study 2024
Week Eight Notes
9/8/Sunday
Genesis 9-10

Main Ideas

- 1) Find the Problem - in Scripture, when we find the problem, that is a good thing (the moral problem, something that is off, etc.)
- 2) See the Motifs

Genesis 9

- Problems of Genesis 9
 - Drunkenness
 - Ham's action
 - Disunity between the siblings
 - Curse
 - Canaan, Ham's son, is cursed
- Motifs of Genesis 9
 - Nakedness
 - Vineyard/wine
 - First Man
 - Tiller of the soil/tilling of the soil
 - Covering (nakedness)
- All these motifs bring us back to Eden and Adam & Eve
 - IT'S A TELLING OF A **SECOND FALL**
 - Something is off when we see all these images pop up
 - The fundamental problem of humanity is still present - **PRIDE**
- Gen 9:22 "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside."
 - Leviticus 18:8 "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness"
 - Leviticus 20:11 "The man who lies with his with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall be put to death, their blood is upon them"
- "To uncover the nakedness" means having sexual relations/a sexual act
- Canaan, Ham's son is cursed
 - Ham is not cursed
 - If Ham was cursed, then 1/3 of all humanity would be cursed! Rather, it is a smaller portion

- And the Israelites will struggle with the Canaanites all their existence, and the Israelites will have to overtake the land of Canaan
- Ham's line goes South
 - Sumer→Sumites, Egypt, etc.
- Japheth's line goes North
 - "God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem"
- Shem's line is smack dab in the middle
 - Shem→ Sem → Semitic (the Hebrew word "Shem" means fame. This line leads to Abraham)
 - Hebrews, Arab tribes, Acadians→Babylonians
- NOAH'S CURSE AND BLESSING CHANGES THE WORLD
- Read Scripture poetically, not chronologically
 - Recall the senses of Scripture
- Why not curse or bless the woman?
 - From the Fall, man oversees/leads woman now.
 - He is the head like Christ is head of the Church
 - In pagan society, woman is associated with magic and not revelation
 - Priestesses and woman leadership mixed is similar to the pagan approach to Mother Earth