



"The Noah Scandal"

Genesis 9:18-29

¹⁸The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

²⁰Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside.

²³Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵he said,

"Cursed be Canaan;
a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers."

²⁶He also said,

"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his servant.

²⁷May God enlarge Japheth,
and let him dwell in the tents of Shem,
and let Canaan be his servant."

²⁸After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

NOAH'S DISGRACE

A familiar scene, but with an ironic twist...

- Noah planted a "**GARDEN**" and enjoyed its "**FRUIT**"
- Noah was found **NAKED** and **UNASHAMED**!?!?

SONS' DISCOVERY

How do we respond to another person's disgrace?

- Ham **SAW** and **TOLD** and was **CURSED**
- Shem & Japheth **TURNED** and **COVERED** and were **BLESSED**

GOD'S DISPOSITION

What is the real scandal here?

- God **TURNS** and **COVERS**
- God **JUSTIFIES** the **UNGODLY**

God is not ashamed to be called our God! (Heb. 11:16)