



A WORLD IN NEED OF SAVING
PURSuing A LIFE OF BLESSING
GENESIS 9:18-28

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1. Pursue _____
(vv. 18-19, 24-29)

Genesis 9:18–28 (ESV)
18 The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) 19 These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed. 20 Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. 21 He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. 23 Then 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. 24 When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, 25 he said,

2. Pursue _____
(vv. 20-23)

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

26 He also said,
“Blessed be the LORD, the
God of Shem;
and let Canaan be his
servant.

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

28 After the flood Noah lived
350 years.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Galatians 3:10-13.** What might it look like today for people to rely on their works, and how might you be tempted to do this? Why will this not work any better than those who tried to rely on the law in this passage?
2. **Read Psalm 1:1-2.** What are some of the worldly influences that you need to beware of and even avoid? Instead of merely avoiding these influences, how can you more actively pursue delighting in God's word?
3. **Read Proverbs 23:29-34.** How can you best protect yourself from the dangers of alcohol described in this passage?
4. **Read Job 31:1 & Psalm 119:37.** How can you be more vigilant in guarding your eyes—especially in a culture filled with impurity & temptation?
5. **Read Exodus 20:12.** In your current life stage, how might you be tempted to disobey this command and dishonor your parents? How will obeying this command lead to blessing?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Navpress, 2016.

Lambert, Heath. *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*. Zondervan, 2013.

Piper, John. "He Bore Our Sins That We Might Live to Righteousness. What is the Gospel For?" Sermon from T4G Conference, 2022.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that people would find freedom from the curse through faith in Christ.

Pray that the character of our congregation will be holy and counter-cultural.

Pray for God to be glorified through our Christmas Eve services.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
12/18	1 Chronicles 27-29	Revelation 11
12/19	2 Chronicles 1-4	Revelation 12
12/20	2 Chronicles 5-7	Revelation 13
12/21	2 Chronicles 8-11	Revelation 14
12/22	2 Chronicles 12-15	Revelation 15
12/23	2 Chronicles 16-19	Revelation 16