

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Our Sin; God's Mercy - Genesis 9:18-10:32 - "Wickedness Apparent Again"

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Consider Noah's initial actions upon exiting the ark (Genesis 8:20) and his actions in Genesis 9:20-22.
How do these two different actions taken by the same man encourage and warn us as we live our lives unto the Lord?
Do you feel you can relate to Noah here? (sacrificially worshipping the Lord in one moment & then sinning against Him in another)?
How does the description of Noah in Hebrews 11:7 provide encouragement to us all in light of our faith in Jesus Christ?
3. Look at the actions taken by Ham and those taken by Shem & Japheth in chapter 9.
How do their actions differ and how are the consequences fitting for the actions they each carried out?
Does the corresponding consequences for their actions here help to motivate you in anyway to pursue righteousness over sin?
4. Look at Genesis 10 which provides the account of all human life following The Flood.
Why is it helpful for us to have this information, and how specifically does the line of Shem benefit the entire human race?
5. Consider 10:8-12 and the account of Nimrod & all of his earthly successes (cities & kingdoms, reputation, etc.)
We see that he had made a name for himself in antiquity (enough to have a commonly stated phrase about him).
How do we measure success in godliness rather than pursuing & measuring success from a worldly/temporal perspective?
6. I shared 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 for the benediction from the message.
Look at the evidence of humanity's continued sinfulness in Gen. 9 & 10 - how do Paul's words in this passage encourage you?
What does Paul say he will boast in all the more in this passage and how does this differ from the values of our culture?
How does this (in conjunction with the passage today) encourage you in your own struggles against sin?
How specifically does God strengthen you as you admit (confess) your weaknesses to Him?
6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
 1. Even "righteous/blameless" Noah sinned!
All have sinned & fall short of God's glory!
 2. Despite human sin, God's grace abounds!
God's redemptive plans are undeterred!
 3. Success in this life ≠ Divine acceptability!
Live in light of eternity & not just for today!
True success is measured by God, not man; faith in Jesus is the only way to real success!