

**IN THE BEGINNING**

**Part Forty-Nine: The Beginning of Canaan's Curse**

Text: Gen. 9:18-29

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR CANAAN'S CURSE (vs. 18-24)**

**A. Ham's \_\_\_\_\_ reaction to his father's failing:**

- Two sinful actions:
  - He didn't immediately look \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ the matter to his brothers.
    - The first description of \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture:
      - Gossip goes along with other \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Gossip enhances their \_\_\_\_\_ effects.
    - Application: We should not repeat unflattering information "in the \_\_\_\_\_" (Prov. 11:13, 17:9).
- Two sinful motives:
  - A perverse love of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ for his father.

**B. Shem and Ham's \_\_\_\_\_ response to their father's failing:**

- They \_\_\_\_\_ (even reverently) took steps to protect their father's privacy.

**II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CANAAN'S CURSE (vs. 25)**

- Noah made a \_\_\_\_\_ pronouncement regarding his three sons and their descendants that took the form of one curse and two blessings.
- The curse fell upon \_\_\_\_\_, Ham's \_\_\_\_\_ son.
  - Why only Canaan and not the rest of Ham's children?
    - Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - Why Canaan in particular?
    - Maybe because Noah could already recognize the seeds of Ham's \_\_\_\_\_ growing free in his grandson's life.
    - Mainly because God knew the seeds of sin in Ham's heart would reach their most depraved \_\_\_\_\_ in this branch of his family.
      - The Canaanites were the most \_\_\_\_\_ people of the ancient world.
      - They were cursed ultimately not because of Ham's sin but their \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Some like Rahab \_\_\_\_\_ the curse and were spared.

- Application: God makes \_\_\_\_\_ available to those under the curse of sin (Gal. 3:10-14).

**III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CANAAN'S CURSE (vs. 25-27)**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ for Canaan:
  - He would be a "\_\_\_\_\_ of servants" to Shem and Japheth.
  - What this does not mean:
    - Not that \_\_\_\_\_ people were cursed by God to be slaves.
    - Not that Ham's descendants are \_\_\_\_\_ to other branches of the human race or that God loves them less.
  - What it means:
    - The various families of the Canaanites would be \_\_\_\_\_, dominated, and brought into servitude by \_\_\_\_\_ of Shem and Japheth (Deut. 7:1-2, Josh. 9:23, Judg. 1:28).
- The \_\_\_\_\_ for Shem and Japheth:
  - Shem (vs. 26):
    - "Blessed be the Lord God of Shem" = the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Fulfilled by \_\_\_\_\_ covenant relationship with God.
  - Japheth (vs. 27):
    - He would be \_\_\_\_\_ by God = to be made numerous and prosperous.
    - He would dwell in tents of Shem = he would enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ with Shem and \_\_\_\_\_ of his blessings.

**APPLICATIONS**

- What does it mean for us? Two right responses:
  1. **Parents should strive to \_\_\_\_\_ consistent godliness before their children and not place \_\_\_\_\_ blocks for sin in front of them.**
  2. **Children should strive to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of their parents at all times (Exod. 20:12, Eph. 6:1-3).**