



GENESIS

God's Grief & The Flood



SESSION 26

Read Genesis 9:8-17

- 1 What meaning does God attach to the sign of the rainbow? In what ways does the rainbow preach the Law of God and His just wrath over sin? In what ways does the rainbow preach the Gospel of God and His mercy upon mankind?
- 2 In our day, the image of the rainbow is often used by those who celebrate a decidedly anti-biblical view of marriage, sex, and the rearing of children. How does this use of the rainbow's image differ from the message of Law and Gospel that God has attached to it in His Word?
- 3 The rainbow was meant as a sign of great comfort, as it reminds all of creation that God has promised never to destroy the earth with a great flood again. But that message is meaningless if we do not remember that God sent the flood as an outpouring of His wrath over sin. How are sinners robbed of that comfort when the image of the rainbow is used to support an anti-biblical teaching?

Read Genesis 9:18-29

- 4 Noah gets rip-roaring drunk. Of all the things that Noah did during his 350 years lived after the flood, why do you think the Holy Spirit chooses to show us this unfortunate incident?
- 5 What exactly was so heinous about Ham's sin?

LEVITICUS 18:6-10

None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the Lord. ⁷ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. ⁸ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. ⁹ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home. ¹⁰ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your son's daughter or of your daughter's daughter, for their nakedness is your own nakedness.

LEVITICUS 20:17

If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, an sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall both be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness and he shall bear his iniquity.

- 6 Noah's prophecy set the stage for the rest of world history. How was this prophecy fulfilled?

- 7 On which son of Noah does the “blessing” rest?

Read Genesis 10

- 8 This chapter can seem a bit like driving through Kansas. The scenery is seemingly bleak and all you want is to get through to something more interesting. But every state has much that is interesting if you slow down and take your time. God’s Word is no different. As you reflect on this chapter of human history consider all the lives lived, the unrecorded happenings, the ways that men and women either walked with God or didn’t. Yet God kept His promise made to Noah to never again destroy mankind as he did in the flood. Many of the names mentioned are the ancestors of Israel’s enemies. While Genesis will go on to track the history of one family—the descendants of Abraham, Issacs and Jacob—even so, how can you see a bit of John 3:16 in this genealogy?
- 9 In what ways has Science come full circle to actually support the main idea of this genealogy that all people have descended from one common ancestor?

