



Wine and Nakedness

Genesis 9:18-29

Listen! I could see, even way back then, that Bill was going to be something.

Why talk about this? Can we look at our own lives and see the seeds of what is coming?

The Big Idea of this passage: The two possible outcomes of moral choices are...bondage or blessing—no exceptions.

The Event:

- Ham's immoral actions dishonor his father.

- Shem and Japheth's discrete actions honor their father.

The Oracle:

- Canaan is cursed for traits and actions like his father's.
 - ✍ Bondage is predicted.

- Shem and Japheth are blessed for traits and actions of righteousness.
 - ✍ Blessing is predicted.

- The essence of a person works up to the surface and predicts their coming state.

For Example: Galatians 6:7, 8.

The "Wild Cards" in this game: We can always humble ourselves in repentance and God can always break in with redemption.

Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

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Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Are there ways that you are overstepping God's moral bounds and thus needing to repent today?
- **Monday:** In what ways is God calling you to more fully honor your parents?
- **Tuesday:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any traits or actions that are the seeds of bondage.
- **Wednesday:** Do you have specific bondages in your life that you need the Lord's help and the help of others to escape? Talk to someone you respect today about the path to freedom.
- **Thursday:** Are there traits in your life that are blessings to you that you need to thank God for or thank others for helping you to develop? List them.
- **Friday:** Are there ways that God is calling you to use your personal strengths and abilities to bless others in greater ways?
- **Saturday:** For tomorrow please read and reflect on Genesis 10:1-32.

“Thank you for dining with us tonight. Would you like to be seated in bondage or non-bondage?”