

February 11th

## **SIN SOLVED?**

*“Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent.” GENESIS 9:20-21*

**“T**hose who can’t remember the past are destined to repeat it.” Ever heard that statement? It’s not based from the Bible, but can point us to hard lessons that we see in God’s men in the Bible. 1 Corinthians 10:6 points back to the Exodus and wilderness wanderings to instruct God’s people: “Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.” God uses our Biblical family tree to show us the truth about ourselves. Men, we’ve advanced to great degrees with technology...but we still carry the stain of sin. Noah found this out the hard way.

Go ahead and compare the story of Adam and Noah. Check out Genesis 1:26-31. Now read Genesis 9:1-7. How are these men similar? What does God say to them? God has restarted the human race, but there is still a problem...sin remains! We left Noah yesterday at a place of being blameless. What happened? Noah sins by being drunk and lies naked in his tent. Does his nakedness ring a bell? Two other people were naked and ashamed...just like Noah is here. Their names are Adam and Eve.

So, what can we learn from this obscure story in Genesis 9? I can’t recall ever hearing this Bible story in my Sunday School class growing up! This isn’t a moral lesson against alcoholism...although being drunk is clearly forbidden by God in the Bible. You just have to look at Ephesians 5:18 to see that. What is God showing here in Noah? Here’s Noah’s problem...he relaxed. Think about it...Noah was 600 years old when the flood began. If anyone had a reason to relax because he had conquered over his sin, it would have been Noah. Men, God is showing us that sin isn’t as far from you as you may think. Sin is too close to our hearts for us to relax. We must always be watchful for what Satan will bring to tempt us. The goal for us is to be holy, because He is holy. It’s a commitment of a lifetime, not a few years or even a few decades. Will you recommit your mind and heart to pursuing holiness in your life today?

***Take time to ask God to reveal ways in your life that you’ve relaxed and moved away from pursuing holiness. Ask Him to give you renewed determination to be holy today.***

**For Further Reading: I Peter 5:6-11**