

## Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Hope for Sinful People – Genesis 9:18-29

### Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – the difficulty, but also relevance of this passage
2. The Presence of Sin
3. The Provision for Sin
4. The Posture Towards Sin
5. Conclusion – Jesus drank the cup of God’s wrath for sin and covered our sins with His precious blood so that we can walk in freedom and newness of life

### Scripture Passages Referenced

- Psalm 104:15 - ...wine to gladden the heart of man...
- Proverbs 20:1 - Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.
- Habakkuk 2:14 -15 - Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! You will have your fill of shame...
- Ephesians 5:18 - Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery...
- Exodus 20:12 - Honor your father and your mother.
- Song of Songs 1:6 - Do not gaze at me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me.
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
- 1 Corinthians 6:11 - And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- Psalm 32:1 - Blessed is the one who’s transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

### Discussion Questions

- Why do you think God includes passages like this in the Bible?
- How does the fact that human sin is not overlooked or covered up help us know that the Bible is genuinely the Word of God and not the work of man?
- What can we learn from the fact that since Noah fell into sin, no one is beyond temptation?
- What, if any, are the ways alcohol is a problem in your life or in your family?
- What do you believe was the sin of Ham in this passage?
- Where, if anywhere, do you see sexual sin creeping into your life (pornography, lust, etc.)?
- How do the curses that Noah puts on Canaan show the seriousness of sin?
- Why must we readily acknowledge that those who practice sin in an unrepentant manner will not inherit the kingdom of God?
- In what way does the blessing of Shem and Japheth show us God’s provision for sin?
- What hope can you find in the words of 1 Corinthians 6:11 – “And such were some of you...”?
- What is true repentance?
- In what areas of your life do you struggle with repentance?
- How does the timing of Noah’s sin challenge us with the importance of preparation for temptation?
- What are a couple of specific measures you can take to prepare for temptation?
- If you are a parent, what conversations do you need to have with your kids about these topics so that they know what the Bible says and not just what the world says?
- How does this passage and sermon point you to Jesus and make you more thankful for Him?