

Fatherhood

INTRODUCTION

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- Our hope doesn't come from Noah's son, Ham – but from the Son of God, JESUS.

Until Jesus came and died and rose our sin was only covered, like Noah's sin was covered, like Adam's sin was covered; but Jesus takes away our sin.

DISCUSSION

Talk about your earthly fathers, your best and worst memories. If you did not know him, talk about the closest thing you had to one.

EXPLANATION

Why do you think God shares the title of 'Father' with men?

How has mankind defamed that title?

How can we get people to understand that our Father in Heaven is not the same as earthly fathers?

APPLICATION

What can we do, as Christians, to restore the meaning of the title 'Father'?

How can we redeem the things God has created to be good, but have been abused (like parenthood, alcohol consumption, environmental care, etc)?

MISSION

Read Matthew 5:43-48.

How we treat others is directly related to how we view God as our Father. Why do you think that is so?

How are we to give "good gifts" to those around us?

What is the greatest gift we could ever give?

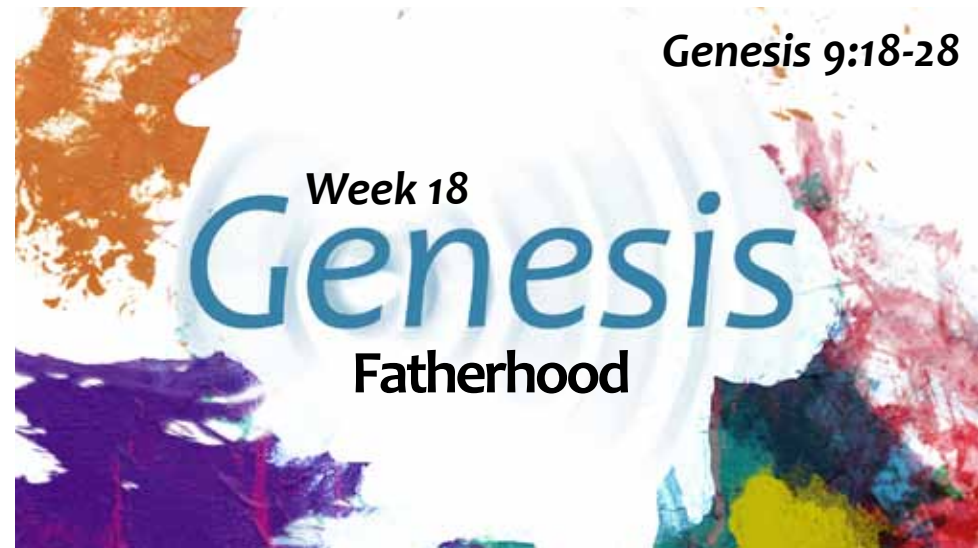
Read Ahead

This week, read through Genesis 10:1-11:9

Week 18

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION

Genesis 9:18-28



Psalm 69:5

Genesis 9:10-29

Genesis 14:18

Exodus 29:40

Deuteronomy 7:12-13

Ruth 2:14

1 Chronicles 12:40

Ezra 6:9

Psalm 104:14-15

Song of Songs 5:1, 7:8-9

Ephesians 5:18

Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

Psalm 104:14-15

Matthew 11:19

Hosea 2:8

Romans 14:13-23

Habakkuk 2:15

Lamentations 4:21

Genesis 3, 7 & 21

Hebrews 10:12-14

NOTES & SCRIPTURE

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SERMON OUTLINE

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Psalm 69:5 “O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.”

The verses we cover today bring the flood story to an end, and the first major chunk of Genesis to an end.

Adam and Noah are connected in numerous ways:

- Adam was the first man; we are descended from Adam...just like Noah.
- Both enter a world that came from watery chaos.
- Both were called image bearers of God.
- Both walked with God.
- Both rule over animals.
- Both were given a mandate to have children.
- Both were farmers.

TODAY YOU WILL SEE:

- Both sinned against God.
- Both had their sin result in nakedness.
- Both had the nakedness covered to hide their sin.

BUT both are in covenant with God.

3 positions on alcohol consumption:

- **Prohibitionist** – Teaches that all drinking is a sin and all alcohol is wicked and wrong.
- **Abstentionist** – Teaches that it is not a sin, but because it is abused, we should stay away from it.
- **Moderationist** – Teaches that the Scripture gives liberty to participate in alcohol consumption and is clear to never abuse it.

2 TYPES OF SINS:

- Universal – For everyone
- Personal issues – Matter of conscience.

Being too inebriated to even stay awake, and having that lead to nakedness, is seen in scripture as being associated with shame and loss of human dignity (Hab 2:15, Lam 4:21).

Though the text does not explicitly state what happened, it is clear that Ham humiliated and dishonored his father and that he apparently sought to make his brothers a party to that humiliation. Instead, Ham's brothers made every effort to avoid seeing Noah's naked body, as readers are told twice that they approached him **backward**.

Part of Noah's story, in a sense, is honor your Father; if you don't have one you can honor here, on earth, then you honor your Father in heaven. That should translate into how Jesus calls us to live. We cannot blame who we are on our parents forever; we must become the person GOD has called us to be and not the person our life circumstances have lead us to be. We should start where Noah did, not where Ham did.

We must be a people who understand legacy. We do not live just for ourselves, or our own wants, because behind us will come kids. In Genesis, these children turn into nations, beliefs, and works. We cannot just think we are in this alone and what we do doesn't matter

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Family Kayaking Trip

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