

Our Culture's Nakedness

Genesis 9:20-27

MAIN IDEAS

- Nakedness and shame
- We are called to protect each other's honor

In Genesis 9:1-17, Noah and his family come out of the ark and receive an **instruction**, a **permission**, a **law**, and a **promise** from God—what are they?

Read Genesis 9:20-27.

How does God view nakedness? See Isaiah 47:2-3, Ezekiel 16:36, and Revelation 3:17.

How does Noah feel about Ham's actions according to Genesis 9:24-25?

Why did Noah view Ham's actions this way?

How did Shem and Japheth honor their father in Genesis 9:23?

How does our culture feel about nakedness?

- Is it generally positive or negative?
- When is it appropriate?
- Who is allowed to see you naked?

How do people in today's culture honor their parents?

What is the main lesson that God is teaching us in this story?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your response when friends and family sin?

In what ways can you help to correct them, while still honoring them?

Pray through this verse in Isaiah:

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has **clothed me with the garments of salvation;**
he has **covered me with the robe of righteousness,**
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

—Isaiah 61:10

Pray for the nakedness of our culture and for God to rescue people from their sin.

GROUP RESPONSE

How can you honor each member of your group?

What are some needs your group can help meet?

REPRODUCE

Use this passage as a jumping off point to share the gospel with non-believing friends and family. Share how we are naked and shameful, but God clothes us with robes of righteousness.

KEY VERSES

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