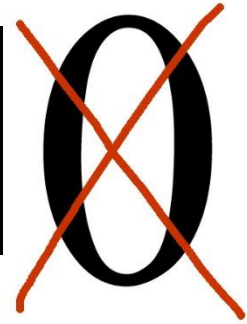




# Worthless



*You will never amount to anything.*

## Session #11

**Genesis 1:27,31**      **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him. Then, God saw that everything He created was good.**

### A Few Thoughts

- There were 8 sinners who entered the ark & trusted God for their salvation from the flood.
- There were 8 forgiven sinners who exited the ark and were saved from the flood.
- There were 8 sinners who saw the wicked world all around them before the flood.
- There were 8 forgiven sinners after the flood who still could choose to disobey God & taste wickedness.
- The devil loves, honors, and worships himself; his whole existence & agenda is to make us do the same.

**Genesis 9:20-21** *Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard; he drank the wine and got drunk. While drunk in his tent, he became uncovered in his nakedness.*

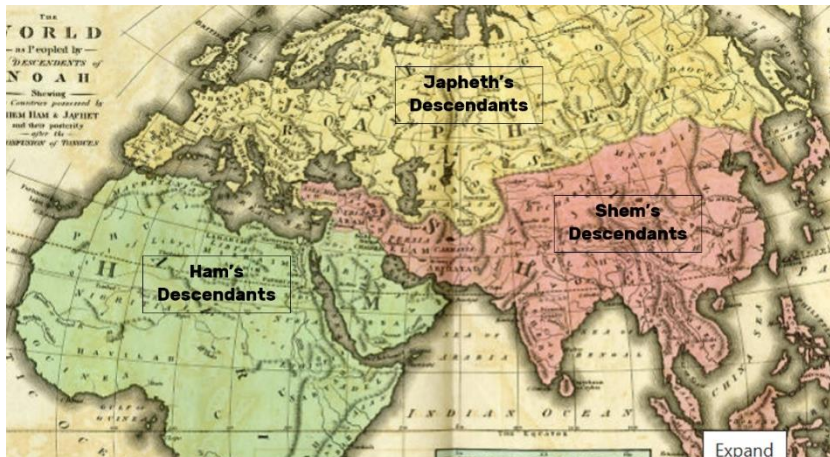
**Genesis 9:22** *Ham, Noah's son, saw his father naked and told his two brothers outside. [The 2 brothers covered him discreetly.]*

**Genesis 9:24** *Noah woke from his drunkenness, and knew what his son, Ham, had done to him.*

1.   Y  N      Would you agree that there are probably two sinful behaviors happening here: drunkenness and sexual misconduct?
2.   Y  N      Even if Noah & his family were not engaging in these behaviors, did they see these sinful behaviors prior to "The Flood"?

### A Few Thoughts

- Interesting words, "Noah knew what Ham did to him." Scholars think it was sexual perversion (however you define that).
- Because mankind was still trying to reach God and become God (worshipping themselves) at the Tower of Babel, God scattered the descendants of Noah by confusing the languages.
- Obviously, people would travel with those who spoke their language.



As the map shows, Ham's group went west, Japheth's clan went north, and Shem's folks just spread out in the area where they were.

"Ham" means "hot".  
"Japheth" means "expansion or scattered".  
"Shem" means "Name"

Ham's people headed toward Africa.  
Japheth's people went to Russia & China.  
Shem's people stayed in the Biblical lands.

**No matter where they settled, these were sinful people trying to figure out WHO to worship and follow.**

**Genesis 1:26** – God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to the pattern of Our character".

**Genesis 11:4**     *The people said, "Come and let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves" [so we won't be scattered all over the earth and lose our power & authority].*

**Genesis 11:8**     *So the Lord scattered the people from there over the face of the whole earth, and they ceased building the city.*

1.  Y  N     Don't the words "let us make a name for ourselves" sound like they love themselves and want to worship and serve themselves?
2. What are the people afraid to lose? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who will benefit by this tower project?    God      Others      Themselves
4.  Y  N     Does it almost sound like they are worshipping the city?
5.  Y  N     Does it almost sound like they are worshipping the tower?

A Few Thoughts

- *If the city and the tower will make them feel important & full of value, they're worshipping themselves.*
- *They are picking the city and the tower to honor and to devote all their time. That's worship.*
- *OK, what is "worship"? It means "worth-ship" = this thing or person is worth my time, allegiance and loyalty.*
- *When I worship God, I am saying:    God, You are worth knowing.*
  - I am here to get to know You better.*
  - You have the power to make a difference in my life.*
  - I am not worthy to know You, but You said I am not worthless.*
  - I come to you in my acknowledged unworthiness.*
  - You are not a dead piece of wood, but rather the Living God.*

THE REST OF THE STORY

*A Few Thoughts:     From Genesis 1 - 31:19, there is NO mention of worshipping idols or other gods.*

*The failures from Abraham time involved:*

- a. *Lying to foreign nations (Gen 12)*
- b. *Using concubines when wife could not have children (Gen 16)*
- c. *Hearing that Sodom & Gomorrah were extremely evil (Gen 18)*
- d. *Wanting or having homosexual relations in Sodom (Gen 19)*
- e. *Offering daughters as sex payments for the enemy (Gen 19:8)*
- f. *Having sex between daughters & fathers to preserve family (Gen 19:33)*

6. It appears after thinking back over these lessons, the main flaws of the Jewish people were not "other gods" but rather which of the following:
  - a.  Too much time on computers
  - b.  Sexual abuse & misconduct
  - c.  Worshipping themselves
  - d.  Trusting themselves rather than God
  - e.  Ignore God's commands
  - f.  Drug use and abuse

7. Living in sinful behaviors & in sinful neighborhoods over a period of years does not drop your personal worth to God, but it does contribute to your feelings of worthlessness. Explain how this relates to your life. \_\_\_\_\_

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