

Let Him Who Thinks He Stands...

Romans 3:9-20 and Genesis 9:18-29

Main Idea: Moral failure can happen to the best of us, and when it does, it brings shame and grief. But moral excellence brings great blessing.

1. *THE RISK – Even the strongest Christians among us can get lured into sin. Genesis 9:18-21; 28-29*

- A. *Noah's greatness* – Noah is the father of the new world, and widely revered. 9:18-19; 28-29
- B. *Noah's occupation* – Noah becomes a farmer and plants a vineyard. 9:20
- C. *Noah's 1st sin* – Noah becomes drunk. 9:21a
- D. *Noah's 2nd sin* – Noah uncovers himself in his tent. 9:21b
- E. *Application* – We are all vulnerable to moral failure.

2. *THE CHOICE – When believers are led into sin, we can have one of two responses. Genesis 9:22-23*

- A. *The negative response* – Ham sees an opportunity for further sin and he seizes it. 9:22
- B. *The positive response* – Shem and Japheth take great pains to avoid slipping into sin. 9:23
- C. *Application* – There are some important lessons to learn from this contrast.

3. *THE EFFECTS – When we act immorally, we set up a cycle of moral decline, but moral excellence brings great blessing. Genesis 9:25-27*

- A. *Discovery* – Noah learns what his youngest son has done. 9:24
- B. *Curse* – Noah curses the family of Ham. 9:25
- C. *Blessing* – Noah blesses the family of Shem and Japheth. 9:26-27