



Honor and Shame

Genesis 9:18-28

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Examples to avoid/follow:

- ❖ Noah's sin – extreme drunkenness
- ❖ Ham's sin – dishonor
- ❖ Shem's and Japheth's honor

Genesis 1-11

- ❖ Creation (1)
- ❖ Creation (2)
- ❖ Fall (3)
- ❖ Cain and Abel (4)
- ❖ Genealogy (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-9)
- ❖ Genealogy (10)
- ❖ Tower of Babel (11)

Genesis 1 application:

- ❖ God created.
- ❖ His creation is good.
- ❖ His creation reflects his glory.
- ❖ Jesus reconciles us to God.
- ❖ We are to worship God and reflect his glory.

Genesis 2:1-15 application:

- ❖ Work is not bad.
- ❖ Work is not everything.
- ❖ Work is a gift from God.
- ❖ Work is an opportunity to worship God.
- ❖ We need rest.
- ❖ Jesus gives us ultimate rest.

Genesis 2:15-25

- ❖ We need relationships.
 - ❖ With God
 - ❖ With people
 - ❖ Like us
 - ❖ Different from us
- ❖ Jesus took our shame so we can be unashamed.

Lies of the Deceiver:

- ❖ You can be the judge.
- ❖ You cannot trust the goodness of God.
- ❖ You can save yourself.

Bad News ...

- ❖ Our common disease = sin/evil
 - ❖ Alienation from God
 - ❖ Alienation from ourselves/shame
 - ❖ Alienation from each other
 - ❖ Struggle with nature

... Good News

- ❖ The healer king is coming.
- ❖ We are his ambassadors.



The Gospel:

- ❖ Sin separates us from God.
- ❖ How will you cope?
 - ❖ Turn to God, and he will cover you.
 - ❖ Hide from God, and life will destroy your fig leaves.

Sin and Grace

❖ Sin

- ❖ Ever-present
- ❖ Seeks to consume
- ❖ Subtle

❖ Grace

- ❖ Ever-present
- ❖ Seeks to counsel and restore
- ❖ Subtle

Cainites vs. Sethites:

- ❖ The Gospel = not a Bible quiz
- ❖ God-dependence > self-reliance
- ❖ God's power > human strength

Structure of Genesis

- ❖ Introduction (1:1)
- ❖ Heaven and earth (2:4)
- ❖ Adam (5:1)
- ❖ Noah (6:9)
- ❖ Sons of Noah (10:1)
- ❖ Shem (11:10)
- ❖ Terah (11:27)
- ❖ Ishmael (25:12)
- ❖ Isaac (25:19)
- ❖ Esau (36:1)
- ❖ Jacob (37:2)

Chiasm (Genesis 6:10-9:19):

- ❖ Noah (6:10)
- ❖ Shem, Ham, Japheth
- ❖ Flood announced (6:17)
- ❖ Covenant with Noah
- ❖ 7 days, 7 days (7:4-10)
- ❖ 40 days (7:17)
- ❖ 150 days (7:21-24)
- ❖ Noah (9:19)
- ❖ Shem, Ham, Japheth
- ❖ No flood (9:11-17)
- ❖ Covenant with all
- ❖ 7 days, 7 days (8:10-13)
- ❖ 40 days (8:6)
- ❖ 150 days (8:3)

GOD REMEMBERS NOAH (8:1)

The paradox of God:

- ❖ Truth + Love
- ❖ Holiness + compassion
- ❖ Judgment + mercy

Implications of the flood:

- ❖ This world is important to God (and us).
- ❖ God's people are committed to truth and love.
- ❖ Suffering can make you bitter or better.
- ❖ We can live as if divine judgment is in the past.

Covenant relationships:

- ❖ With nature - ecology
- ❖ With all people - justice
- ❖ With God - grace

Genesis 9:19

These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the whole earth.

Genesis 9:21

When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent.



Genesis 9:22

**Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father
naked and told his two brothers outside.**

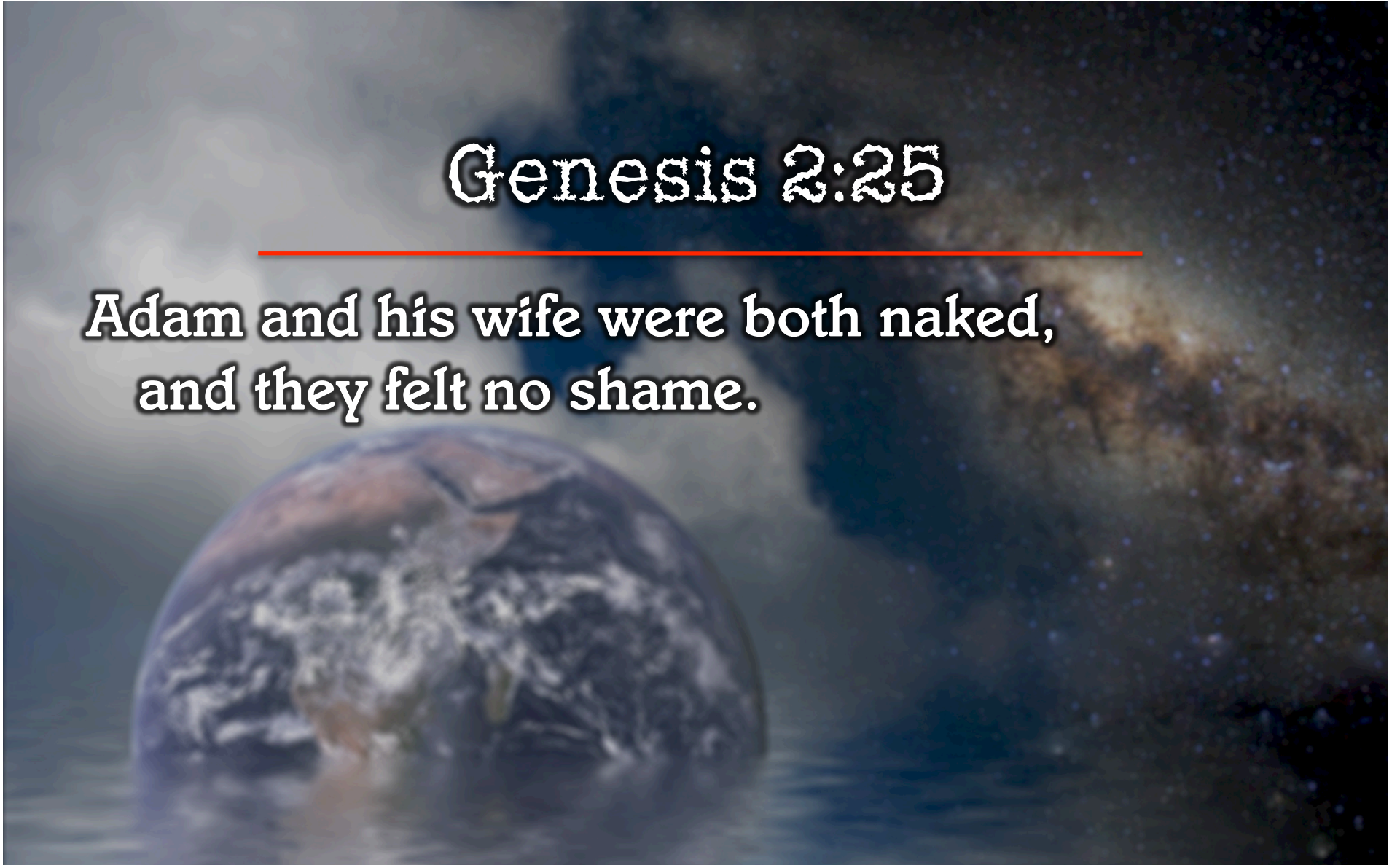


Genesis 9:23

But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's naked body. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father naked.

Genesis 2:25

Adam and his wife were both naked,
and they felt no shame.



Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

Romans 13:1

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:2

Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:3

For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.

Romans 13:4

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13:5-6

Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Romans 13:7

Give to everyone what you owe them:

If you owe taxes, pay taxes;

if revenue, then revenue;

if respect, then respect;

if honor, then honor.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:15-16

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

1 Peter 2:17

Show proper respect to everyone,
love the family of believers, fear God,
honor the emperor.

God's will?

- ❖ Bible
- ❖ Counsel
- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Authorities

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 2:13-14

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:15

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Philippians 2:5-6

In your relationships with one another,
have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God
something to be used to his own advantage;

Philippians 2:7-8

rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death —
even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:14-15

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”

Philippians 2:15-16

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

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Christianity (not religiosity):

- ❖ Recognize and admit your need.
- ❖ Look at Jesus and the cross.
- ❖ Rest in the promises of grace.
- ❖ Live a life of gratitude.



Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper