

were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—

How to Love Difficult People by William P. Smith

B. Be Imitators

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Richard Sibbs *"Mercy to others should move us to deny ourselves and our lawful liberties often times in case of offence of weak ones. The weakest are apt to think themselves despised therefore we should be most careful to give them content. It were a good strife among Christians one to labor to give no offence the other to labor to take none. The best men are severe to themselves and tender over others. If we have known the saving mercy of God mercy should mark our own lives."*

Genesis 10:1-11:26

The Generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth

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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Introduction

A. Rainbow

Genesis 9:16

When the bow is in the clouds, ***I will see it and remember*** the *everlasting covenant* between God and every living creature...

B. The Sin of Noah & Ham (Genesis 9:20-27)

Key Idea

God is good (patient & faithful) even though it costs him dearly. Our sin cannot thwart God's plan for redemption.

II. The Table of Nations (10)

A. Where do the "Races/Nations" come from? (Genesis 10:5, 20, 31-32)

B. So what?

1. The Bible is true

Table of Nations by Tim Osterholm

"Most, if not all, tribes and nations can be traced to these men through their descendants. ..."

"Nothing in the legendary or archaeological history of the ancient world denies the biblical account of the creation of the world, the entrance of sin and death, the judgment of Noah's flood, and the rise of the peoples from his descendants after their dispersal from Babel. Furthermore, the historical dates used to determine the formation of people groups, nations or kingdoms does not in any way conflict with the Genesis account, but are well within the approximate dates for the creation of the world and mankind about 4000 B.C., the flood of Noah about 2350 B.C., and the dispersal from Babel around 2100 B.C."

e.g. Chinese Origins:

*Sin (or Seni), a brother of Heth, has many occurrences in variant forms in the Far East. There is one significant feature concerning the likely mode of origin of Chinese civilization. The place most closely associated by the Chinese themselves with the origin of their civilization is the capital of Shensi, namely, Siang-fu (Father Sin). Siang-fu appears in Assyrian records as Sianu. Today, Siang-fu can be loosely translated, "Peace to the Western Capital of China." The Chinese have a tradition that their first king, Fu-hi or Fohi (Chinese Noah), made his appearance on the Mountains of Chin, was surrounded by a rainbow after the world had been covered with water, and sacrificed animals to God (corresponding to the Genesis record). **Sin himself was the third generation from Noah**, a circumstance which would provide the right time interval for the formation of early Chinese culture. In addition, the Miao tribe of southwest China had a tradition similar to the Genesis account, even before they met Christian missionaries. According to their tradition, God destroyed the whole world by a flood because of the wickedness of man, and Nuah (Noah) the righteous man and his wife, their three sons, Lo Han (Ham), Lo Shen (Shem), and Jah-hu (Japheth) survived by building a very broad ship and taking on it pairs of animals.*

2. Jesus is true

Acts 17:30

³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now *he commands all people everywhere to repent...*

III. The Tower of Babel (11:1-9)

A. Nimrod (10:8-10), Eber & Peleg (10:25)

B. Why are the following details given?

Genesis 11:1-3

Now the whole earth had **one language and the same words**. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and **burn them thoroughly**." And they had brick for stone, and **bitumen** for mortar.

C. The Mother of All Idolatry

Genesis 11:4

⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and **a tower with its top in the heavens**, and **let us make a name for ourselves**, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

D. God's Judgment/Mercy

Genesis 11:6b, 8

...**this is only the beginning** of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ...

⁸ So the LORD **dispersed them** from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

The Temple of Babalon

"The Temple utilizes a certain method of Evocation, particularly the Triangle of Manifestation, in order to effect physical communication with discarnate intelligences."

Temple of Set

This Word generates the Aeon of Set, and is the current form of the Eternal Word of the Prince of Darkness. To Know this Word is to know that the ultimate responsibility for the evolution of your psyche is in your hands.

IV. Idolatry in the Line of Shem (11:10-26)

Joshua 24:2

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and **they served other gods**.'

V. Mercy is Messy

A. Mercy Cost God Dearly

Ephesians 2:3-5

...we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and