

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

Genesis 1-11

Responding to Another's Shame

INTRO: *It didn't take long for sin to begin expressing itself in the new world. How God's people respond to the sin and shame of others determines the degree of blessing they may experience from God.*

I. Sin brings _____ (9:18-21). *Despite being described as "righteous" and "blameless" (6:9), Noah was far from perfect and committed sins that brought him shame. We, the righteous in Christ, are capable of doing the same.*

II. Responding improperly to another's _____ leads to a forfeiture of God's _____ (9:22, 24-25). *When we make fun of or gossip about another's shame, or discount the sin that brought the shame, we forfeit whatever blessings God desired for us to enjoy.*

III. Properly respond to another's _____ and experience God's _____ (9:23, 26-29). *Shem and Japheth model a proper response that reaps God's blessings.*

A. A Proper Response: "I will _____
 _____"
 _____" (Cf. Gal. 6:1-2).

B. A Promised Blessing: *There are at least two revealed in the text.*

1. Deeper _____ with God.
2. Expanded _____ opportunities.