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TEEN LESSON 2

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The focus of this lesson is on sin and its cure. We will observe the path of a son who had equal opportunity to obey God's command, yet chose to withdraw himself from the protection of God-given limitations. In this lesson, we will follow the awful progression of a people who chose to defy God and thus build a city based on pride and wicked imaginations. Ultimately, we will discover the selection of God's chosen people, Israel, in establishing a People for His Name.

READ GENESIS 9:22-27

Ham did not take God's commands seriously. There was evidence that Noah taught his children what the commands of God said. Not only do we read that Noah was a preacher of righteousness, but we also read that two of his sons knew to do right in the same situation. Ham's neglect of God's commands caused him to take a playful approach toward sin.

How did Ham's neglect of God's commands affect him? _____

Did Ham's sin affect others? _____ How? _____

Our sin rarely affects us alone. The old saying, "No man is an island unto himself" is especially true when man sins. Family members, friends, our peers, and often future generations are greatly affected by sinful choices. When Ham neglected God's Law, it passed on to his offspring and progressed to a new level of disobedience. We can clearly see the progression of what happened and the problems it caused.

READ GENESIS 9:1; 10:6, 8-10

In Genesis 9:1, what did God command Noah and his sons to do? _____

_____

The name Nimrod (Ham's grandson) means _____

In Genesis 10:10, Babel was the beginning of Nimrod's _____

Nimrod defiantly chose to stay in one place and grow a big city. He also placed himself at the helm and thus his city is declared a "kingdom." The first mention of a kingdom in the Bible is in connection with Nimrod's defiance and assumption of leadership. Ham's neglect of God's cammands became Nimrod's rejection of God's Word and commands.

READ GENESIS 11:1-4

Babel was man's city. It was built by man and for his glory. The world of Nimrod and his followers was a place void of divine authority and accountability. Their rebellion was based on pride, idolatry, and a wicked imagination.

What sin do you think Nimrod and those who built Babel exhibited in verse 4?

_____

Pride distorts our _____ , our _____,

and our _____.

Nimrod and his followers chose not to place their faith in what God said; instead, their confidence was placed in their own thoughts. The rejection of God's Word resulted in the reliance upon man's imagination. The plight of mankind can be summed up into one of two choices – to worship God, the Creator, by faith, or to worship man, the creation, by imagination.

READ GENESIS 8:21; 11:5-9

According to Genesis 8:21, what did God call evil? _____

What promise did God make at the end of verse 21? _____

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In Genesis 11:6, God stated man's sin came from an unrestrained _____

Divine Providence is God's _____ in the lives of people. Here, we find mankind, on the road of no return, poised to plunge off the high cliff of humanism and self-serving pursuits, when just in time, God intervenes by confounding the languages. When God confounded the languages, it was not a reaction of sabotage, but rather a _____ . God's intervention took place because man's imagination was ready to take him beyond the point of reconciliation.

The neglect of God's commands leads to a destructive end. The hope of all nations lies in what those who have the Truth choose to do with it. What do you do with God's Word? Do you read and obey it, or do you neglect it? Do you share it, or keep it to yourself?