

Main idea: In ourselves, from our first father Adam, we have no blessedness but rather the capacity to turn the best blessings into the greatest curse. For us, blessing can only come by being joined to the blessed One, not just outwardly and covenantally, but spiritually and truly through faith in Jesus Christ.

Introduction: Concluding chapter five. The covenant line needing salvation, needing a new Adam. You are either in the old humanity or the new humanity.

1. Continuation of the Covenant Line
 - a. Before the flood, the line had been all but wiped out
 - b. After the flood, the line is back to 100%
 - c. By the end of the passage, we are down 33% to 67%
 - i. Not children of the flesh, but children of the promise. Not having the blood of Abraham, but having the faith of Abraham.
2. Corrupting Covenant Blessings
 - a. He went out of the ark
 - b. From these, the whole earth was populated
 - c. Man of the dirt—the “never-again-cursed” dirt—that produces not thistles and thorns only but grapes! Wine and the blessedness of wine pointing to Christ!
 - i. Drunkenness the opposite of being filled with the Spirit, the opposite of all the benefits of Christ.
 - ii. Blessings that we too corrupt: e.g. church membership. If we get to the judgment without Christ, because we presumed upon our membership, it will have been a great curse
 - iii. A sin that leads to other sin. The uncovering of nakedness.
3. Conveying Covenant Curses and Blessings
 - a. Cursed be Canaan
 - i. A much worse curse than having it fall upon himself.
 - ii. Not just a personal curse, but a covenantal curse. Covenantal representation is real. Federal headship is real.
 - b. Blessed be Yahweh
 - i. Representation is real for blessing, too. Not blessed be Shem. Shem’s blessedness is only in being covenantally joined to God. Not just outwardly, but inwardly and spiritually by faith.
 1. Jesus says that He is going to “My God and your God”—by joining them to Himself, Jesus brings them into His relationship with God as their Covenant Mediator
 2. Not just “Our Father who art in heaven,” but trained by the Spirit to say, “my Father”
 - ii. Japheth’s blessing comes *in the tents of Shem*. The inward blessing is connected to outward membership in the covenant people.

Conclusion: the necessity of dwelling in the tents of Jesus. Blessed be Jesus! And blessed be all who are in Jesus. You have an earthly father who is full of corruption in himself. You must have God as your Father through the new Adam, Jesus Christ.