

1 ☐ **Bad Hermeneutics Makes for Bad Theology**

THE SALT LOSES ITS FLAVOR AND THE LIGHT DIMS

2 ☐ **Noah and His Sons**

Genesis 9:18-27

- Vs. 19: "from these the people..."
- Vs. 20-21: Noah creates the problem
- Vs. 22: Ham exacerbates the problem
- Vs. 23: Shem and Japheth solve the problem
- Vs. 24-27: Canaan is cursed as a result of the problem

3 ☐ **Enter the bad hermeneutic...**

- Ham's name and the Hamitic curse(?)
- The Koran and resultant Arabic worldviews (9th/10th Century)
- The Talmud translation in 15th Century
- The church in the 15th Century
- Forget what the rest of the Bible says...right?

4 ☐ **Perpetuation of the Hamitic Curse Myth**

Replacement Theology: Japheth replaces Shem (the church replaces Israel)
Apartheid: Racial prejudice institutionalized

5 ☐ **Jesus Christ...the Lasting Solution**

- Colossians 2:8-15
 - We are dead, alive and filled in Christ.
- Ephesians 2:13-16
 - We are brought near, reconciled and have peace with God in Christ.
- Galatians 3:26-28
 - We are different but one body in Christ.

Therefore, do not fall prey to empty lies and deceptions, vain philosophies and human traditions!

6 ☐ **Questions to Consider:**

1. How do we see the misinterpreting of this passage as dangerous to society today?
2. Do you need to consider more closely the application of this message in your relationship with a) Your parents b) People of other racial groups?
3. What might you need to do about your thoughts regarding question #2?