

January 3 Answers

- 1) Noah's first act after coming out of the ark was to build an **altar** and **worship** God for His mercy and faithfulness. This teaches us to always take **time** to praise God for His kindness and love. Evil was not destroyed by the flood. It lived on in the human **heart** and quickly inspired men to **rebel** against God. This can be seen in two ways: Ham's behavior toward his father and the people's refusal to fill the earth. First, Ham's offense was not that he saw Noah naked, but that he neglected his **responsibility** to **cover** his father's nakedness. This led Noah to utter the first recorded human **curse**. His words were a **prophecy** of divine judgment on **Canaan's** descendants for their perversion, a perversion which was **foreshadowed** by Ham's sin. This teaches us that we must never find secret **satisfaction** in the faults and failures of others. Instead, we should take **action** to cover, restore and heal. Second, the people's offense was not that they wanted to build a city, but that they refused to **fill** the earth as God commanded. This led God to confuse their language and scatter them across the world. This teaches us that God **knows** best. In those times when we think our way is better, we must **submit** to God's will and **obey** no matter the cost.