

Sermon Questions from September 27

Text: Genesis 9:18-29

Even after experiencing God's miraculous salvation through the Ark, Noah, who was described as a righteous man who found favor with God, falls into sin by getting drunk in his tent. What does this event teach us about the ongoing reality of temptation, even for mature and faithful believers.

Noah's nakedness and the events in the tent share striking thematic parallels with the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3. What similarities do you notice regarding shame, exposure and human choice?

Pastor Dan talked about how we often learn our initial coping strategies when we are children. How did your parents or guardians cope? What did they do when they were mad, sad, afraid or upset? What impact did that have on you?

When Ham discovers his father's state, he goes outside and tells his brothers instead of covering his Father's nakedness. How does Ham's reaction highlight the destructiveness of gossip and dishonor in our relationships? How do we expose others in our world today? What impact does that have on our relationships?

Why do you think we hate feeling exposed? And why do we participate in exposing others?

Shem and Japheth cover their father's nakedness, which foreshadows how Christ covers our shame with his righteousness through the cross. How could this important truth reshape your own experience with shame?