

THE FALL AND THE FALLOUT OF THE FAITHFUL

Genesis 9:18-29 | Feb 1, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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1. Parents' Night Out; February 6
2. FaithKids Camp (VBS) Auditions; February 20 & 22
3. Family & Baptism Sunday; February 22
4. Worship Night; February 22
5. Men's Retreat; February 27-March 1
6. Single Women Connect; March 1
7. "True Girl" Mother / Daughter Event; March 6

INTRODUCTION:

Read our passage.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The Reality of Human Frailty: Genesis 9:20-21 describes Noah, the hero of the flood, getting drunk and lying exposed in his tent. Does his failure right after a great spiritual victory (the Flood and the covenant) surprise you? Why or why not? How does this story challenge the idea that "godly people" eventually outgrow the temptation to sin? Why do you think the Bible includes the "ugly" parts of its heroes' lives instead of airbrushing them?
2. Honor, Shame, and Response: Genesis 9:22-23 contrasts the reactions of Ham versus Shem and Japheth. Ham "saw" his father's nakedness and "told" his brothers.

Shem and Japheth went to great lengths (walking backward with a garment) to avoid looking at their father's shame. What does "honoring" someone look like when that person has clearly failed or messed up? In our cancel culture, is it harder to act like Shem and Japheth? How can we cover someone's shame without condoning their sin?

3. The Weight of Consequences: Genesis 9:24-27 contains Noah's reaction and the resulting curse/blessing on his descendants. Noah's curse falls on Canaan (Ham's son) rather than Ham himself. Looking at the broader biblical narrative, how do we see these "family patterns" or consequences play out in future generations? How do we reconcile the idea of God's grace with the reality that our choices—good and bad—leave a lasting legacy for those who follow us?
4. Sovereignty Amidst Sin: Genesis 9:28-29 ends Noah's story with his death. Despite this dark chapter, the line of Shem eventually leads to Abraham and, ultimately, Jesus. How does this encourage you when you look at the "messes" in your own family tree or personal history? What does this passage teach us about God's ability to use deeply flawed people to accomplish His redemptive purposes?

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Prayer Focus: Pray for ongoing outreach and missions, people in our body, and for our leaders.

Personal Practical Application: What was the most significant truth God showed you this week? How can you apply that to your life today?