

Genesis: Lessons from the Faith
and Failure of Our Spiritual Leaders

Failure in Noah's Family

GENESIS 9:18-29

Noah's failure gave opportunity for other failures and immorality. GENESIS 9:18-23

¹⁸ The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹ These were the three sons of Noah, and from them came the people who were scattered over the earth.

²⁰ Noah, a man of the soil, proceeded to plant a vineyard.

²¹ When he drank some of its wine, he became drunk and lay uncovered inside his tent. ²² Ham, the father of Canaan, saw his father's nakedness and told his two brothers outside.

²³ But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it across their shoulders; then they walked in backward and covered their father's nakedness. Their faces were turned the other way so that they would not see their father's nakedness.

- Understanding Noah and his sons vv. 18-19
- Noah's drunkenness led to _____
_____. vv. 20-21

Caution: Drunkenness

- Noah's drunken state exposed Ham's _____
_____ and gave opportunity for dishonoring actions. v. 22

Caution: Exposing and dishonoring one another

- Seth and Japheth *faithfully* respond to Noah's situation with _____ v. 23

Encouragement: Protecting one another

Noah foretells God's blessing and curse on future generations. GENESIS 9:24-29

²⁴ When Noah awoke from his wine and found out what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵ he said,

*"Cursed be Canaan!
The lowest of slaves
will he be to his brothers."*

²⁶ He also said,

*"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem!
May Canaan be the slave of Shem.*

²⁷ *May God extend the territory of Japheth;
may Japheth live in the tents of Shem,
and may Canaan be his slave."*

²⁸ After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹ Altogether, Noah lived 950 years, and then he died.

- Ham's failure and dishonor leads to the _____ of his sons' descendants. vv. 24-25
- Shem, Japheth and their descendants are blessed for their _____ vv. 26-29

Christ restores and forgives our failures...

- Christ breaks us free from _____ sin.
- Christ frees us from _____.

- Christ removes all _____.
- Christ forgives and _____ sin.

How to Become a Christian

Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. ROMANS 3:23
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.

JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 (NIV)