



“Many cultures embellish the stories of their ‘founding fathers’ out of admiration. The Bible does not hide from us the failings of the patriarchs...God manifests his grace by continuing to deal in faithfulness with the patriarchs.” — Vern Poythress

“Ham hated Noah’s religion. He not merely dishonored Noah as a parent-he disliked him as a preacher of righteousness. Hence his satisfaction, his irrepressible joy, when he caught the patriarch in such a state of degradation...He had made a notable discovery; and now he cannot contain himself. Forth he rushes to publish the news, so welcome to himself.” — Robert Candlish

“The Bible has a deep revulsion to this kind of disrespect, treating it with a kind of horror. When I was a youth pastor, I once took my high school students through the Biblical passages that deal with disobedience to parents. Not surprisingly, by the time I finished reading these passages, the kids in my youth group were very quiet. Like most young people, they had always assumed that breaking the fifth commandment was part of their job, an ordinary part of growing up. God obviously considers dishonoring one’s parents to be one of the worst sins that anyone can possibly commit.” — Phil Ryken

“They argued that it was God who had ordained the African slaves to be in bondage to the Japhethites (Gen. 9:27), as punishment for their descent from Ham. This argument lacks any biblical or genealogical validity. It was not Ham who fell under Noah’s curse of slavery, but only the offspring of Canaan, whereas Africans descended from Cush, Ham’s oldest son (10:6). The fulfillment of Noah’s curse on Canaan actually occurred in Joshua’s time in Israel’s conquest of the Canaanites.” — Richard Phillips

“Even here we discover afresh how God will transform Noah’s sordid incident of drunkenness into a hope for future generations by the preeminence given to Shem.” — Kenneth Matthews