

Study Questions for chapter 9

1. What are some repeated words or phrases in this chapter?
2. Why did all of creation begin to fear man after the Noahic flood?
3. What is the essence of the Noahic Covenant? Who or what is named in the Covenant?
4. What exactly was Ham's sin that incurred the judgment on him and his descendants?
5. Who are the descendants of Ham, Shem and Japheth?

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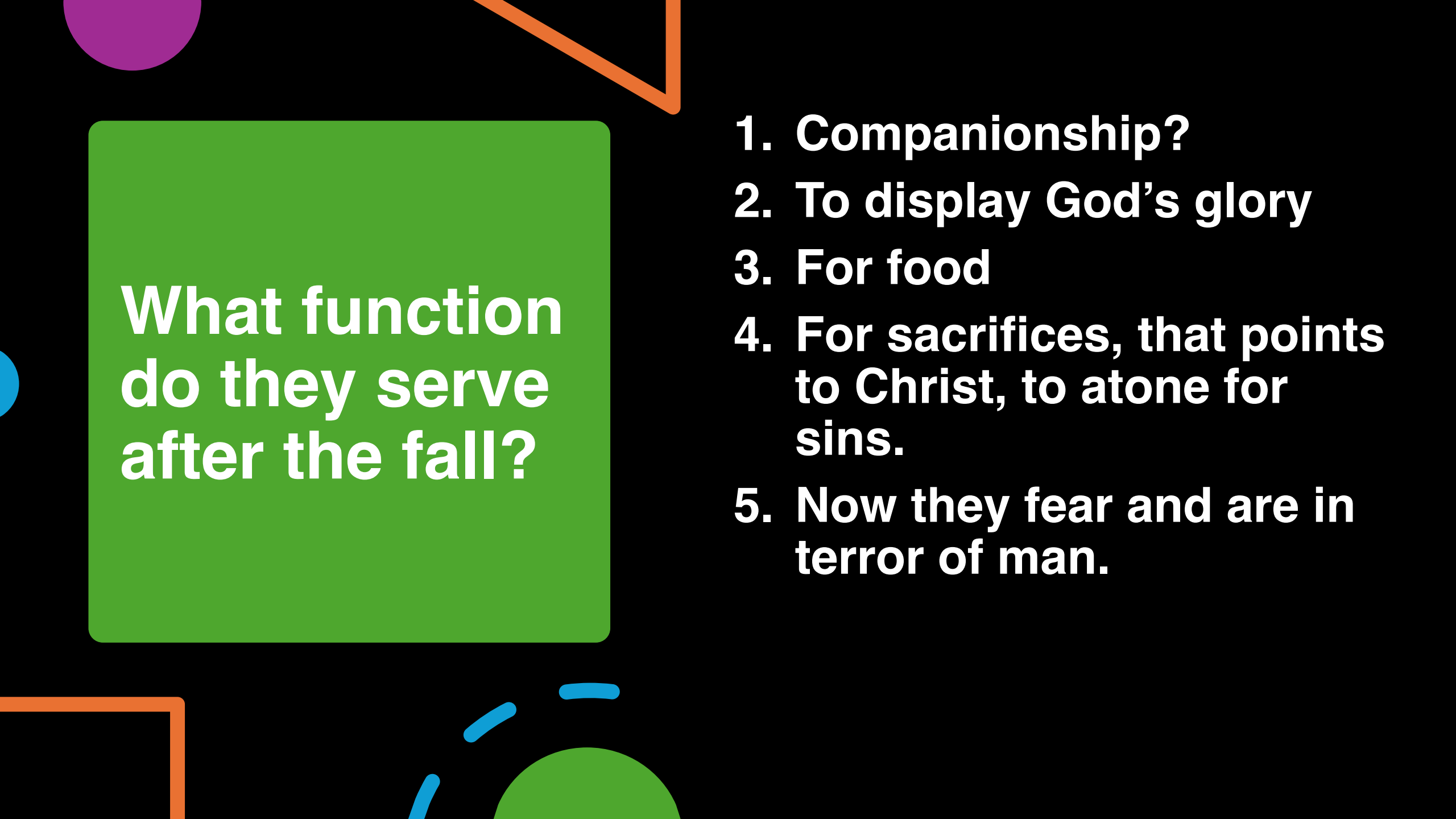
1. **“Be fruitful and multiply” (vs. 1,7)**
2. **“I will remember”. (vs.15-16)**
3. **“Covenant”. (vs. 8,9,11,12,13,15,16,17)**
4. **“Sign of the Covenant” (vs.12,13,17)**
5. **”All Flesh”. (Vs.11,12, 15,16,17)**
6. **“Earth”. (vs. 13,14,16,17)**
7. **“Every living creature” or “every creature” (vs.10,12,15,16)**
8. **“Blood or lifeblood”. (vs. 4,5,6)**
9. **“Sons of Noah”. (Vs. 1,8,18-19, 24)**

Be fruitful and multiply is a creation mandate that was not nullified because of the fall.

- **Before the fall...**
 - It meant to have many children and fill the land.
 - It meant to subdue and have dominion over creation.
- **After the fall**
 - It is reiterated for Noah and his descendants.
 - Jesus gives multiple examples of Israel being judged for not being fruitful.
 - John 15 says judgment will come to those who don't bear fruit.
 - God changes us so that we can bear good fruit and not bad fruit.
 - The Great Commission is to another version of the creation mandate.
 - Fruit is evidence that something is alive.

What was the purpose of animals in God's creation?

- 1. Companionship?**
- 2. To serve man**
- 3. To display God's glory.**
 - Psalm 148:7, 10
 - ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
 - Sea monsters and all deeps;
 - ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle;
 - Creeping things and winged fowl;



**What function
do they serve
after the fall?**

- 1. Companionship?**
- 2. To display God's glory**
- 3. For food**
- 4. For sacrifices, that points to Christ, to atone for sins.**
- 5. Now they fear and are in terror of man.**

Why did all of creation begin to fear man after the Noahic flood?

- 1. God created man to rule and have dominion over creation. They came to him to be named before the fall. Now they fear him.**
 - 1. Animals kill for food or for self preservation.**
 - 2. Man is the only animal that kills for sport.**
 - 3. The most common cause of death of mankind.**
 - 1. Disease and natural disasters**
 - 2. Murder by other men. (52 people are murdered every hour)**

- **We are to fear God because of His power and because of His love.**
 - **Luke 12:5–7**
 - **⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.**
- **The animals fear man because of his power and corrupt nature.**

Prohibition for food points to sanctity of life

- **Genesis 9:4–6**

4 Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood.

5 Surely I will **require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from *every* man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man.**

**6 “Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man.**

Noah's covenant is divided into three parts.

- 1. Who is the covenant with?**
(vs.9-10, 12, 15, 16,17)
- 2. What is the promise of the covenant?**
(vs. 8:21-22, 11, 15)
- 3. What is the symbol of this covenant?**
(vs. 13, 14, 16, 17)

1. Who is the covenant with? (vs.9-10, 12, 15, 16,17)

- **Genesis 9:9–10**

- 9 “Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; **10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.**

- **Genesis 9:12**

- 12 God said, “This is the sign of the covenant which **I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all successive generations;**

- **Genesis 9:15**

- 15 and I will remember My covenant, which is **between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh;**

- **Genesis 9:16–17**

- 16 When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant **between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”** 17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established **between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”**

- **Genesis 8:21–22**

- 21 The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, **“I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.**

- **Genesis 9:11**

- 11 I establish My covenant with you; and **all flesh shall never again be cut off by the water of the flood, neither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth.”**

- **Genesis 9:15**

- 15 and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; **and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.**

What is the symbol of this covenant?
(vs. 13, 14, 16, 17)

- **Genesis 9:13–14**
- ¹³ I set **My bow in the cloud**, and it shall be for a **sign of a covenant** between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud,
- **Genesis 9:16–17**
- ¹⁶ When the **bow is in the cloud**, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ And God said to Noah, **“This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”**

Other covenant symbols in the bible

1. Circumcision as a covenant symbol with Abraham and Israel.

(Genesis 17:9-14)

2. Sabbath was a covenant symbol of Israel's relationship with Yahweh.

(Exodus 31:12–17; Ezekiel 20:12)

3. Baptism is a covenant symbol of our union with Christ.

(Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26)

What is the purpose of a sign?

1. To remind us of God's promise.
2. To reveal God's nature.
3. To give us security over our relationship with God.
 - Hebrews 6:17–19
 - ¹⁷ In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath, ¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. ¹⁹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

What exactly was Ham's sin that incurred the judgment on him and his descendants?

- 1. Ham saw his father's nakedness and dishonored him**
 - By not covering him up.**
 - By revealing it to his brothers.**

Study Questions for Genesis 10,11

1. What words or phrases are repeated throughout these chapters?
2. Of the list of descendants of Shem, Ham and Japheth, try to see how many names or nations you can recognize.
3. What are some names that are highlighted in the genealogy?
4. Try to identify the geographical locations that are assigned to the descendants.
5. Identify any patterns you see in the genealogies and ages of the people in chapter 11.
6. What was the stated goal of building the city and the tower in 11:4? Why did this incur God's judgement on them?
7. Take some time to review chapters 1-11. Try to remember the broad outline of what is contained in each chapter.

Discussion Questions for Genesis 9

1. In what way are you being fruitful and multiplying today?
2. What is a promise that God has made that you cling to for daily life? What promise do you struggle to believe and practice in your walk with God?
3. Why is honoring of parents so crucial to human survival, i.e.-- 5th of the ten commandments and repeated in Eph.6:2)
4. What covenants are you in and how faithful do you think you are to these covenants?