

Living Under the Rainbow: Judgment First, Then Mercy

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TEXT: Genesis 9:1-17

Genesis 9:1-3

1 *So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.*

2 *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.*

3 *Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.*

MAIN TRUTH: God will _____ be _____ by human _____, not even by sin as gross as the _____ that _____ on the flood.

LETTER A: No _____ done by men can _____ the _____ of the Almighty.

Isaiah 55:7

7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

Genesis 9:4-7

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

5 *Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of 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?”*

7 *And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.”*

LETTER B: These verses tell us there is basically only _____

_____ — “_____.” _____

flows from that.

LETTER C: We were each _____ with the ability to _____

God, to _____ Him, and to _____ Him. We were made with an inner _____ to know our Creator.

Genesis 9:8-17

8 *Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying:*

9 *“And as for Me, behold, I 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 go out of the ark, every beast of the earth.*

11 *Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”*

12 *And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:*

13 *I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*

14 *It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;*

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

16 *The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on 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.”*

In theological terms, this is the first great covenant of the Bible, the Noahic Covenant. It is important for a couple of reasons:

First, it is an *unconditional covenant*.

LETTER D: This is a covenant of _____, made in spite of _____, not because of any supposed human _____, or human _____, or human _____.

Second, it is a covenant *guaranteed with a sign*.

LETTER E: Nowhere does God promise that life will be _____ of _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Most rainbows appear only _____ the storm has _____ and _____.

**LETTER F: The rainbow teaches us that _____ is _____
God's _____.**

Two Big Thoughts In Closing:

**BIG THOUGHT #1: _____ and the _____ ...
_____ come from God.**

**BIG THOUGHT #2: Without the _____, the mercy would not appear as
_____.**