



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17 (NAS)

Topic: "God's Covenant Promise"

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- 8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
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.
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."
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;
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,
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.
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."

I. THE TRAUMAS OF LIFE

- A. Difficult Experiences Of Life Steal Our Peace
- B. The Promises Of God Assuage Us *Isaiah 43:2*
- C. Noah Experienced Extreme Trauma
 - 1. Everyone gone
 - 2. The world as he knew it changed
 - 3. Fear of the rain clouds

II. ANXIOUS PEOPLE NEED ASSURANCE

- A. The Word Covenant Occurs 7 Times In This Passage
- B. God Does Not Want His People To Be Filled With Angst *Philippians 4:8; Daniel 10:19; John 20:19; Romans 15:30*
- C. He Does Not Want Us To Fear Judgment *Romans 8:1*

III. GOD'S COVENANTS

- A. This Is Known As The Noahic Covenant
- B. God's Covenants Have Similar Characteristics
 - 1. They are unilateral
 - 2. They are universal
 - 3. The covenant was accompanied by a sign
- C. The Marvelous Covenant Of Grace *Hebrews 5:9, 9:12; John 6:37, 40*