



Session #1

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Genesis 9:8-17 | The Covenant with Noah

God's ultimate goal for establishing covenants with humanity:

- ① I will be your God.
- ② You will be my people.
- ③ I will dwell among you.

(Exodus 6:7; 29:45; Ezekiel 11:20; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Revelation 21:3)

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Understanding Covenants:

- ① Who originates the covenant?
- ② Who are the parties of the covenant?
- ③ What is the purpose of the covenant?
- ④ What is the length of the covenant?
- ⑤ What is the sign of the covenant? ○

Genesis 8:21b

²¹ The Lord... said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done."

The condition of the sinful heart in humanity remained even after the flood.

- ① The rainbow is the sign of the priority of God.
- ② The rainbow is the sign of the plan of God.
- ③ The rainbow is the sign of the promise of God.
- ④ The rainbow is the sign of the presence (the glory) of God.

Psalm 18:13-14

¹³ The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.

¹⁴ He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.

- ⑤ The rainbow is the sign of the power of God.
- ⑥ The rainbow is the sign of the peace of God.
- ⑦ The rainbow is the sign of the provision of God.
- ⑧ The rainbow is the sign of the patience of God.

2 Peter 3:8-9

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

¹ As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.



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