

Foundation Critical: “A Sign and a Promise” – Genesis 9:8-17

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While man has tried to attempt to make the rainbow mean something that it doesn't, man's fascination with it, when he sees it in the clouds, remains an incredible mystery. For the bible believer, however, one simply has to turn to the pages of Genesis 9:8-17 to learn about its origin and meaning. God tells us something there that is quite profound for you and me to understand. God gave us a promise, but the sign of the promise is meant to remind us of a number of things.

~Pastor Alan

- I. A Universal _____ – vs. 8-11
 - a. The _____ - vs. 8-10
 - b. An _____ promise – v. 11

- II. The Sign of the Noahic _____ - vs. 12-17
 - a. A _____ promise – v. 12
 - b. The _____ in the clouds – vs. 13-14
 - c. A sign of everlasting _____ - vs. 15-17
 - d. A sign that has been _____ by God – v. 17

- III. Takeaways
 - a. The covenant is a testament to God's _____ and His unchanging nature.
 - i. Because God is faithful, we can have confidence when we pray.
 - ii. Because God is faithful, we can conquer evil and temptation.
 - iii. Because God is faithful, we can praise Him.
 - iv. Because God is faithful, we can have courage when we are afraid.

(~Jeremiah Study Bible, 1045)
 - b. God's promise is not based on any human _____.
 - c. The _____ of the rainbow:
 - i. Represents hope, assurance, and reassurance that God is in _____! You and I can bank on it!
 - ii. Is a reminder of God's past and _____ workings.

It was the prophet Jeremiah who wrote in Lamentations 3:22-24: *“Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul. Therefore, I hope in Him.”*