



Sermon
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"My Covenant with You"

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Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Genesis 9:9 "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you." (NIV) (Cross-reference – Genesis 6:18; 9:8, 10)

Illustration "Covenant" (Show a wedding covenant – Lughnaj and Matthew Kalkman wedding)



The Vows

I, [name of bridegroom], take you, [name of bride], to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy will; and I pledge to you my faithfulness. The same vows repeat from the bride to the bridegroom.

(Show type of contract)



When you buy a house, you sign a contract that promises to pay for 30 years with 5% interest. When you apply for a loan to purchase a vehicle, you sign a contract that you

promises to pay \$350.00 per month for the next five years to pay off. If you apply for a credit card, you sign and promises to pay the membership fee and the APR percentage of the amount you charge.

I. During Noah's time, people continuously commit sins, and God send the flood to wipe out everything except Noah's family and the animal God chose. (Show flood)



God said to Noah, "..... "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds, and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." (Genesis 6:7).

(Show Noah, dried land, and rainbow)



After God destroys the earth, God promises Noah, "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and 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. I 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." And God said, "This

is the sign of the covenant I am making between you and me and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (Genesis 9:9-13).

II. God said, "My covenant with you" is a bond that God never breaks. Since the flood, the world has never been flooded again because of God's promises. **(Show a contract)**



In today's world, we don't use the word "covenant" but more or less of the word "contract." People sign a contract between two parties. People sign a contract for getting treatment at a hospital. People sign a contract "pre-nuptial" with a marriage license. Almost everything we do, we have a contract to bind our agreement. Because of the sin of the world, the contract is easily broken and not honoring the agreement. Whether a written contract or through a verbal agreement, it is easily destroyed. **(Show debt)**



In the Hmong culture, when a person died, the elder overseeing the funeral would like to make a statement the last night before the internment the next day. He would announce, "If our decease owed any person of any debt, you have five minutes to bring proof. If you don't, then the debt is canceled, and his family no longer owe you any debt." If the person owed you thousand of dollars, you would not have time to provide any proof for that short period. Does this make any sense? When the decease borrows from you, he promises that he will pay it all back. If he can't, then his wife and family will pay you back. Such promises

go down the drain because the debt is announced, and no proof was given in time. Is this a fair covenant? What do you think?

III. God-loving, merciful covenant – promises to you and I will not be broken. Since the time of Noah, to Abraham, to Christ, and to you and I, God kept His promises. **(Show different picture)**



God promises a rainbow that the world will never be flooded again. (Genesis 9:13). God Promises Abraham that his descendent will be like the star in heaven and the ocean's sand. (Genesis 22:17). God promises that Christ, the Savior, will be born to take away the world's sin. (John 3:16). **(Show 2 Peter 3:7)**

God Will Destroy Earth Again

"The heavens and the earth that now exist are **being preserved** by the same command of God, in order to **be destroyed by fire**. They are being kept for the day when godless people will be judged and destroyed." 2 Peter 3:7, TEV



God's covenant not to flood the world, but He also promises that one day He will burn the earth. The Apostle Peter writes, "By the same word, the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything were done in it will be laid bare. (2 Peter 3:7, 10). **(Show God covenant)**



You, as Christ-follower, will not have any fear regardless of what happens to the world. Because of your faith, God already promises you because God has called you out of darkness to his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9), we are holy and

blameless in God's sight (Ephesians 1:4), you are all sons of God, through faith (Galatians 3:26), and God promises to return soon to take you to be with him in heaven forever and ever. (Revelation 22:12). God's covenant with you is to trust and believe in His Son Jesus Christ, and you shall have eternal life. When you believe and trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior, you have a life now and forever. Amen.
Now may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keeps your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Children Message A Rainbow Promise



Theme: God is faithful in keeping his promises

Object: A wedding band

Scripture: "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth... I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:11, 13 (NIV)

I'm sure that everyone has seen a ring like this one. (hold up wedding band) (*Let them answer*) It is an exceptional kind of ring. Do you know what kind of ring it is? It is a wedding ring. It is a very simple ring. It is very special because it is a reminder of a promise that is made when a couple gets married. On the day that they are married, a husband and wife make a promise that they will love and stand faithfully beside one another "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, for as long as they live." Each of them wears a wedding band as a reminder of that promise that they made. The ring also tells everyone who sees it about the promise that the couple made.

We all make promises, don't we? You might promise your mother that you will clean your room and do your chores before you go out to play. Or you may promise to keep a secret told to you by your best friend. You may promise to return something that you borrowed from a neighbor. Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? (*Let them answer*) How did that make you feel? What did you say? You were probably very disappointed and said something like, "But you promised!" Sometimes we aren't very good at keeping our promises.

God makes promises. Our Bible lesson today is about a promise that God made to a man named Noah. I'm sure that you know the story of how God sent a great flood to destroy the earth because the people had become so wicked. He destroyed everything he had created except for two of every kind of bird and animal and Noah and his family. He spared them because Noah was a good and righteous man who walked with God.

After the floodwaters went down and Noah's family and all the animals could leave the ark, God promised Noah. He promised Noah that he would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then he did something to remind Noah of that promise. He placed a rainbow in the sky, and he said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between me and all life on the earth." God said that every time he saw the rainbow, he would remember the promise that he made. God has kept that promise, hasn't he? God keeps all of His promises. The Bible says that "No matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ." (2 Corinthians 1:20) The next time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah and remember that just as he has kept that promise, he keeps all of his promises.

Dear Father, we are thankful that you are faithful to keep your promises. Help us to be faithful in keeping ours. Amen.
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