

THERE IS NO END OF THE RAINBOW

(Gen 9:13 NASB) I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

There are very few things that are more beautiful than a rainbow. After a storm or rain shower we can sometimes see the rainbow. The rainbow is actually a sign given by God to us to show us His mercy and grace. After the flood of Noah, God placed His bow in the sky to reveal to man His mercy and grace. God did not give the rainbow because He was sorry he flooded the Earth, but to show us a picture of what His Son Jesus would do for us on the cross. Before God's judgment fell He instructed Noah to build an ark that he and his family could escape the waters that would come. This ark protected Noah and his family from the judgment of God. The angry waters beat upon the ark instead of Noah. The ark took the full brunt of the storm for Noah. After the judgment was passed he came to rest upon Mt. Ararat. When Noah got out of the ark God gave him a covenant with the sign of the rainbow. This rainbow was to remind Noah and all that would come after Him that God would never again judge the Earth with the same flood to destroy it. This is a really awesome Bible story, but we need to see beyond just the surface of the story and see what it really represents spiritually. The Ark is a type of Christ Jesus. 1 Peter 3:20-21 reveals this fact. Because of sin we all were under the guilt and condemnation of God's holiness and deserved death and hell. However, the love of God could not rest until we were secured into His ark of safety. That ark of safety was Jesus Christ. Jesus upon the cross took the full brunt of the wrath and judgment of God that our sin deserved. The waters of judgment prevailed mightily upon Christ. He took every wave of God's displeasure and hot indignation against our ungodliness. God emptied the reservoir of His judgment against us upon Christ until the storm totally subsided and the ark rested upon new ground. On that Sunday morning Jesus appeared from the tomb on resurrection ground. When we heard the gospel and accepted the offer to come into the ark we were saved from God's wrath and judgment forever. It is interesting that Mt. Ararat means "**the curse reversed**". Because of sin we only had the curse of death, sickness, poverty, shame, and despair to look forward to. **But God..** who was rich in mercy sent Jesus to die for us and as us. He became the curse of sin for us so that we could be blessed. Praise God, when you got saved you walked out on new ground called- **the curse is reversed!** Now you walk out on new ground and have only blessings to look forward to! They are blessings of forgiveness, holiness, health, prosperity, hope, and wonderful love to experience from your Heavenly Father. God is now for us and if He is for us, who can be against us! God sent the rainbow to be a sign of His covenant of mercy to mankind. The rainbow speaks of God forever having judged us in Christ and forever blessing us because of it. Every natural rainbow we see is just a copy of the original rainbow. Where is the real rainbow? It is around God's throne!

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a **rainbow around the throne**, like an emerald in appearance.

In Revelation it says that a rainbow circles the throne of Jesus Christ. An interesting fact about a rainbow is that it is **not actually a bow**. If you were in a plane looking down on a rainbow you would actually discover it to be **a perfect circle**. A circle is a symbol for eternity or something that is everlasting. God's covenant of mercy and grace to us believers is an everlasting covenant never to be broken or come to an end! A rainbow is circling the throne of God right now. God is ever seeing this rainbow which is an everlasting remembrance to Him that Christ has come and satisfied His holiness forever. Your every sin and disobedience has been washed in the blood of the Lamb who sits on the throne. There is a rainbow ever before the face of God that speaks of your vindication and righteousness in Christ. From earth we just see half the circle. In the midst of the trials in life we only see a portion of the mercy and grace of God over our lives. We just see a half circle. However, God sees the whole circle that never ends! Often we wonder if the goodness of God will reach an end like the rainbow, but God wants you to know that it will not because it is forever! This rainbow is proof that you will never be judged for your sins ever again. They have already been judged upon your ark- Jesus Christ. Because of His cross you walk upon the mountain where your curse has been reversed! Hallelujah! Your sickness has been reversed! Your poverty has been reversed! Your shame has been reversed! Your bondage has been reversed! Are you experiencing it dear Christian? Well you can by simple faith in Christ's work for you! Many think that the bad things that are happening in their life might be God visiting their sins or paying them back for bad they have done! Please do not insult the Son of God and His work upon the cross! Do not insult God who gave up His only Son- the Son who He so deeply loved to pay all your debts and take all your judgment! No, the bad in our lives come from Satan and from our own actions, not God. God is for us! He has reversed the curse. You must simply believe this and accept it. Stand against what has come against you in your life and say boldly, "I have been forgiven and the curse has been reversed in Christ! Satan I rebuke you and all your works! There is a rainbow in heaven that reminds God that I have been forever judged in Christ and cannot be judged ever again for the same sins." Many of our problems are from our own making, but please believe me, God wants you to experience the curse reversed in your life if you but look to Him and call upon Him. Jesus paid an awful price to reverse it for you. You do not have to earn it or deserve it! Just receive it! You are forgiven and Jesus is on your side! He is not angry with you. He loves you more than you can even fathom! He is praying for you! Accept His love today. There is a rainbow around the throne of God that speaks out mercy and grace for you!

Confession: God I thank you that you are not the source of any of my problems. Thank you that you are not mad at me or judging my sins because you judged Jesus in my behalf. I thank you that because of the resurrection of Jesus you

have put me on new ground where the curse has been reversed! I proclaim to sin- you have been reversed to holiness. I proclaim to sickness- you have been reversed to health. I proclaim to poverty and lack- you have been reversed to prosperity and abundance. I proclaim to shame- you have been reversed to double honor. I proclaim to bondage- you have been reversed to freedom. There is a rainbow around the throne of God that reminds God about what Jesus did for me that calls for His blessings upon me right now! Praise God!