

God's Promise – The Rainbow

It has been raining for what seems like forever. You are cramped inside this space with only one window and all you see is rain. Rain. Rain. Rain. It is your first time seeing anything like this. You do not even know how long the rain will last, talk about a great first impression. Then the rain stops. Fast-forward some time and you can get off the ark. (You are Noah, by the way.) Once you are off the ark, God makes an “everlasting covenant” with you (Gen. 9:16).



God said, “I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.” (Gen. 9:13-17) The rainbow is the indicator that God will never flood the entire earth again. Period. That is what it stands for.

The dictionary defines the rainbow as “an arc or circle that exhibits in concentric bands the colors of the spectrum and that is formed opposite the sun by the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays in raindrops, spray, or mist.”¹ Nowhere in either the Biblical or Secular Definition does the rainbow refer to something or someone who is homosexual. Unfortunately, too many people in this world think that the rainbow stands for all things homosexual. God is plain and clear when He says that homosexuality is a sin.

In Paul's letter to the Romans (1:26-27), Paul says that the idea of homosexuality is “against nature.” We know that when we go against something that God has commanded is a sin (“transgression of the law”, I John 3:4). It was not sugar coated when it was written, and we should not sugar coat it today. When the Supreme Court decided to *allow gay marriage*, they had no right to do so. God has set His Word, and we are not at liberty to change it to make us feel better, happier, etc. (cf. Rev. 22:18-19). When the Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage is acceptable, they were becoming as God in making the rules. God gave specific warnings to Adam and Eve about trying to be as God in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2 & 3). Strong words to warn against changing God's Word to fit some agenda.

What do we do about this? (1) regard the rainbow for what God intended, (2) not accept the practice of homosexuality, (3) pray for the Supreme Court, those who practice homosexuality, and anyone struggling with God's Will. Remember that God's Word is complete and final (II Tim. 3:16-17).

Jude 2.

¹ <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/rainbow>