

Sermon Title: “The Rainbow Was a Warning”

Text: Genesis 6–9

Theme: Judgment, Mercy, Covenant, and the Modern Mockery of God

1. Why God Flooded the Earth

Scripture: Genesis 6:5–13

“The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth... and it grieved Him to His heart.”

Main Point:

God did not flood the earth because He is cruel—but because *mankind had defiled everything good*. The *violence, sexual corruption, and spiritual rebellion* had reached a tipping point. God wasn’t reacting emotionally—He was **resetting creation** for the survival of righteousness.

Application:

We must ask—*Are we in the same place again?* When culture calls evil “good” and good “evil,” and we pride ourselves on how “tolerant” we are of depravity, we mirror the days of Noah.

2. Noah’s Faith and the Ark as a Symbol of Salvation

Scripture: Genesis 6:14–22

“Noah did everything just as God commanded him.”

Main Point:

Noah didn’t just build a boat. He built a **lifeboat of obedience** in the middle of a desert, against the current of a mocking society. The Ark is a type of *Christ*—a vessel of safety from the coming judgment.

Symbolism:

- **The Ark** = Jesus (one door in, only one way to salvation)
- **The Flood** = Judgment
- **The World** = Corruption
- **Noah** = The Remnant who obeys

Application:

Obedience looks crazy until the rain starts falling.

3. The Covenant: God’s Rainbow Promise

Scripture: Genesis 9:12–17

“I have set my rainbow in the clouds... never again will there be a flood to destroy all life.”

Main Point:

The rainbow is not a celebration of sin, but a **seal of mercy**—God’s **restraint** after righteous judgment. It’s not a trophy of pride, but a **bow hung up in the sky**—as if God laid down His weapon out of mercy.

Hebrew Insight:

The word used for “rainbow” (תִּשְׁבָּע – *qesheth*) is the same used for a *war bow*. God **hung His weapon in the sky**, pointing it *away* from earth.

Application:

The rainbow is a reminder that God *could* judge at any moment—but chooses mercy.

4. Modern Symbolism: The Rainbow Reversed

Observation:

The rainbow flag today is used as a **celebration of rebellion**—particularly of the very behaviors that led to God’s wrath in Noah’s time.

Romans 1:24–32

“God gave them over... though they know God’s righteous decree... they not only do such things but also approve of those who practice them.”

Main Point:

To use the symbol of **God’s mercy** as a flag to **mock God’s moral order** is not clever—it is dangerous.

Warning:

The rainbow doesn’t mean “God won’t judge sin.” It means **He’s giving time before He does**.

5. What the Church Must Do

Matthew 24:37–39

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man...”

Main Point:

We’re back in the days of Noah—corruption, sexual confusion, moral chaos. But God is patient. He’s giving us a window to build our Ark (Christ) and call people into it.

Charge to the Church:

- Call the rainbow what it is: **a covenant, not a costume**
 - Love sinners enough to call them to repentance—not affirmation
 - Stay obedient like Noah, even if the whole world mocks you
 - Remember: The next judgment won’t be by water. It will be **by fire** (2 Peter 3:7)
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6. Closing: Mercy Still Reigns

2 Peter 3:9

“The Lord is not slow... but patient, not wanting anyone to perish...”

Final Word:

The rainbow isn’t God’s apology. It’s His warning. He’s patient—but not forgetful.

Let’s not be a generation that sees mercy as weakness. Let’s be the remnant that walks in truth, builds the Ark of righteousness, and points to the door—before it shuts.