



The Sign in the Clouds

Genesis 9:1-17

Listen! A bad mail day in McGrath, Alaska.

- Does this man value human life?

Why talk about this? God, not in malice but in judgment, took the lives of everyone on earth save eight people—only God knows how many lives were lost.

- Does He value human life?
- Should we value human life?
- How does God feel about human life?

The Big Idea of this passage: Our stance and responsibility toward human life...must be to cherish it and protect it just as God does.

The Evidence of God's high value on human life:

- Exhibit A: He blessed Noah and his sons with _____ to multiply. (vv 1, 7)
- Exhibit B: He provided _____ for mankind. (v 3)
- Exhibit C: He protected life and the _____. (v 4a)
- Exhibit D: He punished _____. (vv5, 6a)
- Exhibit E: He made men and women in His _____. (v 6b)
- Exhibit F: He gave an unconditional, unilateral, eternal _____ (vv 9-11, 15-17)
- Exhibit G: He set a _____ of the covenant in the clouds—His bow. (vv 12-14, 16)
- Exhibit H: He promised to _____ His covenant. (v 15. See also 8:1)

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For Example: The _____ of Israel disobeyed the Pharaoh of Egypt.

Application: Some practical ways to value human lives:

- Stop driving our cars like they are rockets and like we need to get somewhere this instant. A car is a machine for transportation or a weapon for destruction.
- Stop allowing our kids to ride their bikes without helmets.
- Start locking cabinets where there are solvents, guns, knives or things to choke on.
- Volunteer at the Care Net Pregnancy Center. Attend their banquet on 9/14.
- Start looking at all people as “first class people” and none as “second class.”

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Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any ways, big or small, that you are devaluing human life.
- **Monday:** Ask the Holy Spirit how He wants you to change your attitudes and actions toward people of different ethnicity, other social economic status, or harsh personalities.
- **Tuesday:** Reflect on the covenant of God and the rainbow sign for your life.
- **Wednesday:** In what ways has God “remembered” you? In what ways do you need Him to “remember” you right now?
- **Thursday:** Ask the Holy Spirit if you are driving your car too aggressively.
- **Friday:** Ask the Holy Spirit how you need to be more committed to human life in general.
- **Saturday:** For tomorrow please read and reflect on Genesis 9:18-29.

“God cherishes human life!”