



## 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!”***