

SERMON OUTLINE JULY 26, 2015

"Living Under God's Rainbow"

Genesis 9:12-13

INTRODUCTION:

What is a rainbow? (It is more than you think!)

- I. THE RAINBOW AFTER THE GREAT FLOOD (Genesis 9:12-13)
 - A. The 'war bow' against sin has been set aside
 - B. When you see a rainbow today, see it as a reminder of an ancient promise
- II. THE STAR IN BETHLEHEM'S SKY (Matthew 2)
 - A. Note the reaction of the wise men who bowed, worshipped,& gave gifts
 - B. Did they see a rainbow? Yes!
 God's wrath had been set aside (John 3:16)
 - C. We join them in "laying before Jesus" all we are & do
- III. THE MANGER HOLDING THE BABE OF MARY (Luke 2)
 - A. The rainbow was there!
 - B. God's wrath had been set aside to be placed on Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21)
- IV. THE CROSS UPON WHICH JESUS DIED (Matthew 27:41)
 - A. The rainbow was there!
 - B. God's wrath against sin was set aside as Jesus was forsaken for you
 - C. Look carefully at Jesus' empty tomb: See the rainbow!
- V. HEAVEN ALSO

WILL SHOW US A RAINBOW (Revelations 4:3; Ezekiel 1:27-28)

- A. The rainbow is a sign of God's loving and powerful presence
- B. It will be an eternal sign declaring: God's wrath has been set aside.

CONCLUSION: *There are rainbows in your future!* (Romans 8:1)