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SERMON OUTLINE -- AUGUST 6, 2023

God's Promise, Not Man's Pride

(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 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 Corinthians 5:21)

IV. THE CROSS UPON WHICH JESUS DIED (Matthew 21:41)

- 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 (Revelation 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
- C. But, today – **man's pride** has made the rainbow into something quite terrible

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