

Rainbows







# Rainbows Remind Us

- Of God's promises

## Genesis 9:11–17 (ESV)

**11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” **12** And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” **17** God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”



# God's Promises

- To never destroy the earth by flood (v. 15)
- To remember us (v. 16)
- Every single covenant promise of God (2 Peter 1:3-4)



## 2 Peter 1:3–4 (ESV)

**3** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, **4** by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

# A Few of God's Precious Promises

- Reconciliation to God - Rom. 5:6-10
- The daily forgiveness of our sins —1 Jn. 1:9
- God's presence wherever we go —Heb. 13:5
- God's provision for our daily needs —Matt. 6:25-32
- Answers to our prayers —1 Jn. 5:14-15
- God's comfort in our distress —2 Cor. 1:3-4
- A way of escape when we are tempted —1 Cor. 10:13
- Wisdom for every challenge —James 1:5
- Rest for our weary souls —Matt. 11:28-29
- Peace regardless of our troubles —Phil. 4:6-7
- The absolute guarantee of God's love —Rom. 8:38-39
- Heaven as our eternal home —John 14:1-3



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# The Benefits of Faith in Trial

- Provides peace when anticipating trials
- Gives us comfort and encouragement during trials
- Is strengthened and renewed after trials

# O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Verse 3:

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.



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- Of the glory of God's presence



## Ezekiel 1:26–28 (ESV)

**26** And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. **27** And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. **28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.** Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.



## Revelation 4:2–6 (ESV)

**2** At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. **3** And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. **4** Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. **5** From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, **6** and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

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- Can give powerful help and comfort even when they are not immediately visible



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