

9:12-17

15 and I will remember My covenant God discussing His memory is mere **Covenant** language and, as in 8:1, implies intent to act. **which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh;** God did communicate with the animals, it seems (to get them to the ark), to a donkey (Numbers 23-24), to ravens (1 Kings 19), and to a great fish (Jonah 2). They were furthermore wrought from the ground (Genesis 2) and have the breath of life (Genesis 7); two significant similarities with mankind. They are, therefore, special, and as such—deemed worthy of a **covenant**.

the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. Matthew 5:17, Matthew 24:35, 2 Peter 3:1-10, and Revelation 20:11-12 remind us that the earth will be destroyed again (while Hebrews 1:10-12 drive us to define what we mean), but it will never again happen with water.

16 everlasting covenant symbolized by a rainbow. We see this carrying forth to Colossians 1:20 where “all things” are “reconciled.” In other words, as here, he has a **covenant** with all creation. Hebrews 13:20 speaks of this yet again where the blood of Christ secured this **everlasting covenant**. Revelation 4 & 5 speak of a rainbow being around the throne and elders and the four beasts. This is a Bible-wide drama. Again, see the table of Genesis/Revelation in my commentary on Revelation.

17 And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant while the perverts of today are endeavoring to hijack the **rainbow**—to include the largest bank in America,¹ television networks,² metropolitan governments,³ so-called evangelical preachers,⁴ department stores,⁵ numerous Fortune 500 companies,⁶ and even the Department of Defense⁷—this is God’s beautiful **sign**.

which I have established between Me and all flesh every human being came off the ark (Acts 17:26). **that is on the earth.**” Here, then, is the reality: the “rainbow” is not intended to remind us of a sinful lifestyle but of a loving God Who keeps His promises.

All addictions, even sexual addictions, are idolatry. In 1 Kings 18 the question was “who will you worship” while the Ten Commandments begins with idolatry. So in the moment of bowing to one’s addictions, a person is faced with whether they will worship the Lord or not. “Idolatry is anything that places anything above the worship of the Lord; anything that we place

¹<https://christiannews.net/2014/07/07/chilling-implications-largest-u-s-bank-asks-workers-if-they-support-homosexuality/> [accessed 8/13/18].

²<https://www.christianpost.com/news/glaad-calls-on-ae-to-end-duck-dynasty-after-phil-robertson-calls-homosexuality-a-sin-111073/> [accessed 8/13/18].

³<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/25/atlanta-fire-chief-kelvin-cochran-suspended-for-ga/> [accessed 8/13/18].

⁴<https://christiannews.net/2013/03/18/no-hell-bell-comes-out-in-support-of-homosexuality-tells-narrow-christians-to-repent/> [accessed 8/13/18].

⁵<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=622121519494> [accessed 8/13/18].

⁶<https://www.christianpost.com/news/google-facebook-amazon-among-200-businesses-filing-brief-supporting-gay-marriage-90897/> [accessed 8/13/18].

⁷<https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=82013107489> [accessed 8/13/18].

our affections upon that are greater than us than Jesus Christ.”⁸

9:21-23

Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, whether he knew what it took to be drunk or whether it was even possible before the flood, we don't know. All we know is that this first mention of **wine** in the Bible is also the first mention of **drunkenness**. We'll see more of this in chapter 19 and we just know that if you see what appears to be the entire world dying...you may do some extreme things.

and became uncovered in his tent. Here is another similarity, then, between Adam and Noah: 1. Both fell through fruit; 2. Both walked with God; 3. Both had three sons; 4. Both lived over 900 years; 5. Cursing results (the ground; Ham); 6. Both are charged with populating the earth; 7. Both had animals brought to them; and here 8. Both were shamed in nakedness; 9. Somebody else covered them (coats of skins from God; Shem and Japheth).

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. Since, in that Genesis 19 passage children got their father drunk to “see his nakedness”, it seems like that could be the case here.

23 But Shem and Japheth 5:32 tells us Noah was around 500 years old when the boys were born and the flood came when Noah was 600. These boys were 100 years old. They were not the same age exactly, as is seen in verse 24 [Shem was 98 at the flood (11:10) which means he was probably the middle child while Ham was the youngest (verse 24)].

took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.

⁸approximately 9:00 into this seminar: <http://t4g.org/media/2018/04/what-is-addiction/> [accessed 8/7/18].