

"God's Promise To Noah" (Genesis 9:1-17)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



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March

9AM Pastor John

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Thought for the Week

THE TRUE MESSAGE OF GOD'S RAINBOW

What do you think of when you see the rainbow? Unfortunately today, it has been hijacked by the LGBT community as a symbol of diversity and pride. However, the Bible tells us that the rainbow symbolizes the radiance of God's glory, beauty, holiness, and perfection.

- "All around him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the Lord looked like to me." (Ezekiel 1:28)
- "The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones... And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow." (Revelation 4:3)

God's Word tells us that the rainbow also displays God's grace towards all humanity. When God entered into a covenant with Noah, after destroying the sinful world with the flood, he vowed that he would never again destroy the world in that way. "I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth... Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth." (Genesis 9:13-16) To this day, the rainbow symbolizes that same promise.

As long as the rainbow hangs in the sky, God will mercifully and graciously restrain his anger towards humanity. The fact that he has refrained from sending another flood to destroy the world, does not mean that he accepts sin in any form (including homosexuality). God's rainbow does not mean that sinners have nothing to fear. It means that God's gracious display of patience is to allow sinners time to repent from their sin (Romans 2:4), not celebrate their sin. Don't be deceived! While God's rainbow in the sky symbolizes the constraint of his anger, he is still angry, because people are still sinners, just as they were before the flood. One day, his anger will be restrained no more. The sky with its rainbows will be rolled up as a scroll, and our Jesus will come down from heaven in vengeance to defeat all of his enemies who have rejected Him and blatantly lived sinful lives (Revelation 6:14-17). Let us, therefore, pray that the rainbow would point all sinners to God's grace, glory, and patience, and that God would bring them to repentance. Let us pray that all sinners will look past the rainbow to the message of Easter - the only solution for God's anger towards sin. Christ's atoning death on the cross appeases God's anger forever, so that everyone who believes in Jesus is made holy and blameless in God's sight. One day, God's glory, which we now see dimly in the rainbow, will be fully revealed and all the world will bow down to worship Him. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- For our new Mayors and Councillors - that God will give them wisdom to make wise decisions and to govern with integrity, justice, and mercy.
- For John Beaumont - struggling with a virus for the last two weeks.
- Give thanks that Elijah's dental operation went well this week..
- Our pastoral search team - for wisdom, unity, discernment.
- Our future senior Pastor - for God to call and equip the right man to lead our church into an exciting new future.

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters

FRIDAY

8am Good Friday Service

EASTER WEEKEND SERVICES

Our Good Friday service will be held at 8am and our Easter Sunday service at the normal time of 9am.

WHAT IS A SECRET PRAYER SISTER?

This is a women's prayer ministry between two women from our church family. Ladies who wish to participate will complete a questionnaire and return it to the Ladies' Ministry Team. The Team will allocate each lady another lady who will be her Secret Prayer Sister whom she needs to uphold in prayer. You will become her secret prayer partner and encourager for a 6-month period - then there will be a "reveal party" where prayer sisters are revealed. Your Secret Prayer Sister

will not know who you are (and you are not allowed to tell anyone who you are praying for) but she will know you are there upholding her on a daily basis. In this regard, today is the last day to get your forms in. Please hand them to either Carin or Jess. Forms are available in the church foyer.



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS: 29th Zach Elford, 30th Rob Neale

SOS AT MINI GOLF

The next exciting adventure for our Seniors Outing Somewhere is a mini-golf day at Noosa Mini Golf on Thursday 18th April. It starts at 10am and cost is \$15. Lunch at the Tewantin Marina (buy your own) afterwards. There are flyers in the foyer if you are needing more information.

UPDATE ON JOHN AND SHAUNA - John and

Shauna received their official call from the Biloela Baptist Church. They will be moving their furniture in the week of the 1st April, with Sunday 7th April being their last Sunday at CBBC.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Methuselah's great grandson Shem knew this was going to take awhile.