



Reflection Questions

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The Covenant Keeper

Genesis 9:8-19

The Noahic Covenant is an expression of God's common grace to all living creatures -- a binding promise to preserve the created order until His redemptive purposes are complete. The rainbow serves as the sign of this covenant, a visible reminder that God's patience endures. But this covenant, while an extraordinary display of God's mercy, ultimately points us toward a greater need -- the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reflection Questions:

1. God's covenant with Noah is entirely one-sided, with God binding Himself to its terms without requiring anything from the creatures included in it -- what does this reveal about the nature of God's character, and how does it challenge our tendency to think of our relationship with God as transactional?
2. An orderly, predictable universe cannot be accounted for without God, and knowing how something works does not explain why it works -- how does this distinction between 'how' and 'why' shape the way you think about science and faith?
3. The rainbow was given as a sign of God's mercy and patience toward all living creatures, yet it has been repurposed in contemporary culture as a symbol of open rebellion against God -- what does this tell us about the nature of sin and humanity's relationship to God's grace?
4. Romans 2:4 teaches that God's kindness is meant to lead people to repentance rather than to a false sense of security -- in what ways might Christians today be tempted to presume on God's patience rather than responding to it with genuine repentance?
5. The Noahic Covenant's sign notably lacks blood, distinguishing it from covenants of salvation -- what significance does this distinction carry for how we understand the difference between God's common grace and His redemptive grace?
6. God preserves this world and withholds judgment so that people might repent, which means the suffering we endure in this age serves a redemptive purpose -- how does understanding this purpose change the way you pray for and engage with people who do not yet know Christ?