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The Promises Of God – Lesson 2



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Online Bible Study

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I. QUICK REVIEW OF LAST WEEK'S INTRODUCTION ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

1. There are approximately 8,810 promises in the Bible.
2. Not every promise in the Bible is a promise that was made by God.
3. The Promises of God vs. The Covenants of God

“A biblical covenant is a clear statement of God’s purposes and intentions expressed in terms that bind God by solemn oath to perform what he has promised.”

4. The Basic Biblical Covenants (5)

- a. The **Noahic** Covenant (Genesis 6-9)
 - i. Edenic and Adamic Covenants
- b. The **Abrahamic** Covenant (Genesis 12)
- c. The **Mosaic** Covenant (Exodus 19-20)
- d. The **Davidic** Covenant (2 Samuel 7)
- e. The **New** Covenant

5. Other Covenants

- a. Palestinian Covenant
- b. Everlasting Covenant
- c. Covenants within Covenants

6. Types of Promises

- a. **Conditional** - look for the words “if-then” in the context. This promise requires the cooperation of the people.
- b. **Unconditional** - the fulfillment rests solely with God, no matter how people or the world behaves. There are no conditions attached.
- c. **General** - one that is given by the Holy Spirit to every believer in every age. No limitations on time period or recipient.
- d. **Specific** - one that is made to specific individuals on specific occasions.

7. What to look for when reviewing a Promise of God

- a. What is the **context** of the promise?
 - i. Are we looking at a **promise** or a **principle**?
 - ii. What do the surrounding verses say?
 - iii. Who is being spoken to? Why?

8. What does the promise reveal about God?

9. Does God/The Holy Spirit intend for me to claim this promise today or was this a promise which applied to another time.

10. How am I supposed to respond to God who makes this promise?

II. GENESIS 9:1-17: AN UNCONDITIONAL PROMISE OF GOD

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. ⁴“But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. ⁵ And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. ⁶“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. ⁷ As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” ⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³ I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶ Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” ¹⁷ So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

A. Required reading: Genesis 6-8

1. 6:3: human life span set to 120 years
2. 6:5: Human wickedness, God’s regret
3. 6:7: God decides to “wash the earth” of everything and everybody
4. ...except Noah
5. Building of the Ark
6. Chapter 7 & 8: The flood (40 days & nights, flooded the earth for 150 days)

7. 8:20-22: “²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. ²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

B. Why is this passage classified as an “unconditional promise?”

C. What are the promises that God is making in this passage?

1. “Implied” promises

a. Verse 3 – “...I now give you everything.”

b. Verse 7 – “As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”

2. Unconditional, direct promise

a. Verse 11 - Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

b. Verse 15b – “Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.”

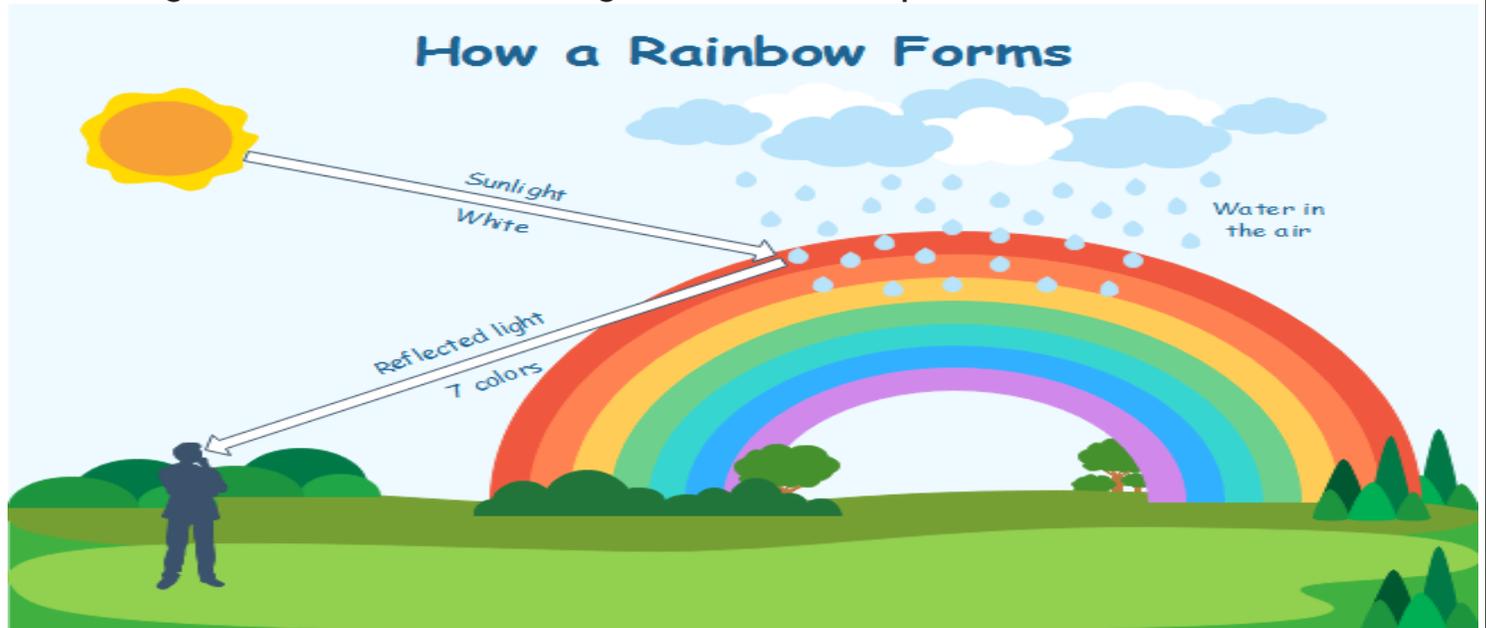
III. THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT (PROMISE, AGREEMENT)



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and it will be the sign of the covenant
between me and the earth.

Genesis 9:13

A rainbow is **caused by sunlight and atmospheric conditions**. Light enters a water droplet, slowing down and bending as it goes from air to denser water. The light reflects off the inside of the droplet, separating into its component wavelengths--or colors. When light exits the droplet, it makes a rainbow.



IV. A CONDITIONAL PROMISE – READ EXODUS 19:1-8

Join us on the St. Matthew Prayer Line daily at 6 am & 9:30 pm.

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How We Can Help Buffalo

I spoke with Rev. Paul Thomas, who is the Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Buffalo, NY, and the Presiding Elder of the Buffalo-Albany-Rochester District. The Tops Friendly Supermarket where the shooting occurred on May 14 is right down the street from his church, and he has been intricately involved in ministering to the families of the victims and others in the community.

I asked him what he needed and how we could help. He gave me a list of items which included persons to come and provide a "ministry of presence" via counseling and support. At the end of the day, however, funds are needed because Rev. Thomas is trying to provide food, clothing, and financial support to those who have not been working at the Supermarket.

I know that on the 5th Sundays of the month, we bring our Scholarship Offering, but I am asking that we also bring a VERY GENEROUS Benevolent Offering by this Sunday that we will send to Bethel, Buffalo. I would love to send at least \$5,000, but we will send whatever we receive. If you want to send it before Sunday by CashApp or through Givelify, make sure you put in the note or memo area the word "Buffalo."

Thanks so much for what you have done and what you will do. God bless!

14 students, 1 teacher dead after shooting at Texas elementary school: Gov. Abbott

The suspect in the shooting is also dead, the governor said.

By [Mark Osborne](#) and [Meredith Deliso](#)

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GMA3: What You Need to Know

Fourteen students and a teacher are dead after a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, according to Gov. Greg Abbott.

The 18-year-old suspect, a student at Uvalde High School, is also dead, he said.

"He shot and killed horrifically and incomprehensibly 14 students and killed a teacher," Abbott said during an unrelated press briefing.

The suspect also allegedly shot his grandmother before entering the school and again opening fire, Abbott said. He did not say anything further about her condition.

Abbott said the shooter had a handgun and also possibly a rifle.

Uvalde Memorial Hospital had said 15 students were being treated in the hospital's emergency department in the wake of the incident. Two patients were transferred to San Antonio for treatment, while a third was pending transfer, the hospital said. A 45-year-old was also hospitalized after getting grazed by a bullet, the hospital said.

University Health in San Antonio [said](#) it had two patients from the shooting incident -- a child and an adult. The hospital said the adult -- a 66-year-old woman -- is in critical condition. It did not have an update yet on the condition of the child.

The Children's Hospital of San Antonio said it has also received patients from the shooting.

Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin did not confirm casualties, but told ABC News in a text message that "this is a very bad situation." He said the office is trying to contact parents before releasing any information.

Earlier, the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District had said a shooter was located at Robb Elementary School and asked people to stay away from the area.

"There is an active shooter at Robb Elementary," the school district said on Twitter. "Law enforcement is on site. Your cooperation is needed at this time by not visiting the campus. As soon as more information is gathered it will be shared."

A school official initially told ABC News that the shooting took place off campus, and that Robb Elementary School was under lockdown.



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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022



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