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"God Remembers"

(Genesis 8:1, 9:1-17)



God remembering correlates to God acting

(8:1) Remembering → water <u>recedes</u> (9:15) Remembering → water restricted

Same Command

(1:28) - Be fruitful, Increase, and Fill the earth

New Covenant

Sign will be a <u>rainbow</u> (9:13)

Rain: Agent of <u>destruction</u> now an agent of <u>promise</u> Bow: Instrument of <u>war</u> now a picture of <u>grace</u>

Implications

- Foreshadow of the New Covenant in Christ
 - o Symbol the Lord's supper (in remembrance of me)
 - o Method the cross
- Remembering <u>God</u> causes <u>us</u> to act
 - o Bless others
 - o Forgive others
 - o Love others
 - o Seek others
- God remembers His <u>people</u>
 - o Pursue God with patient persistence

[&]quot;Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant..." Genesis 9:16