

WHEN GIANTS WALKED THE EARTH

About the Series: The first 11 chapters of Genesis are foundational to the Christian worldview. But when we read accounts that have similarities to myths and works of fiction, it makes one wonder if the Genesis account is really true or not. This series looks into these chapters to see what the Bible actually says and teaches, and explores the relevancy of its message for us today.

Part 9

Reclaiming the Rainbow

Genesis 9:1-29 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Watch ▶

DISCUSS

Throughout the years, the rainbow has meant different things to different groups, peoples, cultures, and movements. But Scripture identifies it with things God values and how we as followers of Jesus are to respond. So how can we reclaim the rainbow's significance and meaning from a secular world? Read Genesis 9:1-29.

1. **God values every human life; therefore we should embrace a culture of life and share the gospel (v. 1-7).**

- What did God command Noah after the family left the Ark? How did God provide for their needs as far as food was concerned?
- Why did God prohibit the eating of certain animals in Mosaic Law? Could we eat every type of animal now? What is the purpose of unchanging God for choosing to operate differently at different times in human history and in the future?
- Do you eat blood? What is the reason behind the prohibition of eating blood that shows the heart of God and what He values (v. 5-7)? How do you value the life of another person, even as that

person is just beginning in the womb, based on how God values the sanctity of human life (Jeremiah 1:5)?

- How do you value and celebrate your life knowing that you are precious in God's sight? Are you sharing your faith to others because you value their lives and understand that the best you can do for them is to lead them to Christ?
- #### 2. **God values truth, for His words are true and He keeps His promises; therefore we should also speak the truth (v. 8-18).**
- What was the unconditional covenant that God made with Noah? Does it mean that God won't judge the earth again for mankind's sins?
 - How would the flooding in Noah's time be different from the seven years of the Great Tribulation in the future or from the local flooding that we experience in our country almost every year?
 - How do we know that God will fulfill His unconditional covenant not only to Noah but to the whole mankind as well?
 - What do you think or feel when you see a rainbow in the sky? How does the rainbow remind you that God is a promise-keeping God who speaks the truth and fulfills what He says He will do? As His follower, how do you value truth and live it out?
- #### 3. **God values holiness and blesses those who live in holiness; therefore do what is right (v. 19-29).**
- How did sin take hold relatively quickly after the flood?
 - Why did Noah prophesy a curse on Ham's descendants through his son Canaan and blessed the descendants of Shem and Japheth?
 - Why does the Bible prohibit drunkenness? Is it possible for the most righteous person to fall into sin? How?
 - How should you strive to act righteously and experience God's blessings?

REFLECT

When you see a rainbow, what does it remind you of? What values does it encourage you to embrace, accept, and live out?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the rainbow, which is a sign of Your unconditional covenant not only to Noah, but to the whole of mankind. May I always associate it with the values of life because there won't be a global flood anymore, but instead You have made eternal life available through Jesus. May the rainbow also remind me that You keep Your promises, so Your Words are always true. And may it also remind me of your holiness. Thank You that You have given me an opportunity to live in holiness and be blessed. I pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.