

LIVING UNDER HIS RAINBOW

“I HAVE SET MY RAINBOW IN THE CLOUDS, AND IT WILL BE A SIGN OF THE COVENANT BETWEEN ME AND THE EARTH.” GENESIS 9:13 NIV TRANSLATION

IMPOSSIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM - TO IMAGINE THE BEGINNING - WHEN EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING CAME INTO EXISTENCE, AS THE MIND OF GOD WILLED IT AND AS THE BREATH OF GOD SPOKE IT – TO IMAGINE IT ALL BEING WILLED INTO EXISTENCE AND THEN, TO BE WASHED AWAY - WHILE THE BROKEN HEART OF GOD - FILLED WITH PAIN AND SORROW – GRIEVED, THAT HE HAD CREATED IT ALL.....IS IT ANY LESS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE – THAT ONE MAN – WAS FOUND RIGHTEOUS, EVEN BLAMELESS AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE OF HIS TIME – AND THAT HE “WALKED WITH GOD” – WITNESSED THE VERY FIRST RAIN AND WITNESSED THE DESTRUCTION BY FLOOD - OF THE ENTIRE EARTH?

A SECOND CHANCE. EVERY PERSON SINCE THE FLOOD - OWES AN INCREDIBLE DEBT TO NOAH. IF IT WERE NOT FOR HIS RIGHTEOUS LIVING, GOD WOULD HAVE DESTROYED EVERYTHING! NOAH WITNESSED THE HEART OF GOD AND HE KNEW PERSONALLY THE PAIN GOD’S CHILDREN CAUSED THEIR FATHER. NOAH FOUND FAVOR IN GOD’S EYES AND HE RECEIVED FOR US A PROMISE – OUR FATHER WOULD NEVER AGAIN DESTROY HIS CREATION BY WATER. GOD CONTINUES TO KEEP HIS PROMISE AND ALL GENERATIONS SINCE ARE REMINDED OF THIS PROMISE WHENEVER WE SEE HIS RAINBOW IN THE SKY. GOD’S FAITHFULNESS, GRACE AND MERCY - BIND ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS TOGETHER, IN A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR FATHER - GOD.

NOAH WITNESSED THE FIRST - POST-FLOOD RAINBOW. CAN YOU IMAGINE THAT? IN THE RAINBOW WE SEE THE PURE LIGHT OF GODS HOLINESS. GAZING INTO THE MAGNIFICENT COLORS OF HIS RAINBOW WE CAN SEE INTO THE VERY HEART AND SOUL OF OUR GOD. YOU MIGHT TRY LOOKING INTO THE NEXT RAINBOW TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN SEE. I IMAGINE - THAT SOMEWHERE ON THE EARTH - AT EVERY MOMENT, THERE IS A RAINBOW FOR SOMEONE TO SEE - TO BE REMINDED OF THE GRACE AND MERCY OF THE LORD. NOAH, HIS FAMILY AND ALL OF THOSE ANIMALS, WHICH THE LORD SPARED IN THE FLOOD, WERE IN AN ARK TOGETHER FOR OVER A YEAR. WHEN THEY WERE CALLED OUT OF THE ARK ONTO DRY LAND – THEY FOUND A VASTLY DIFFERENT WORLD THAN THE ONE THEY HAD KNOWN BEFORE. THE GEOLOGICAL CHANGES CAUSED BY THE FLOOD WATERS HAD RADICALLY CHANGED GODS CREATION INTO A DIFFERENT EARTH-SCAPE. NOAHS RESPONSE WAS TO BUILD AN ALTAR TO THE LORD AND OFFER SACRIFICES - WHICH CAUSED A PLEASING AROMA TO RISE BEFORE THE LORD.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU NEEDED A SECOND CHANCE?

DEAR FATHER – GOD,

THANK YOU FOR “SECOND CHANCES”. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULLNESS TO YOUR CHILDREN. WE RETURN TO YOU OVER AND OVER AGAIN, ASKING YOU FOR YET ANOTHER CHANCE. WE LONG TO FIND FAVOR IN YOUR EYES. WE LONG TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE. WE BRING YOU OUR LOVE AND WE DRAW NEAR TO YOUR LOVING ARMS. WE NEED YOU, LORD. FIND IN OUR LIVES AN EVER BURNING ALTAR OF SACRIFICE. FATHER, FIND THE AROMA OF OUR SACRIFICE PLEASING. WHEN WE SEE YOUR RAINBOW IN THE SKY, WE REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE AND WE SENSE YOUR PRESENCE. WE COUNT ON YOUR FAITHFULNESS. WE DEPEND ON YOUR FORGIVENESS. WE RELY ON YOUR PATIENCE. WE SEEK YOUR GOODNESS. WE RE-DEDICATE OURSELVES TO LIVE IN YOUR IMAGE AND IN YOUR DESTINY. WE AWAKE TO A NEW BEGINNING. WE LONG TO FIND FAVOR IN YOUR EYES. WE LIVE – UNDER YOUR RAINBOW.

THROUGH JESUS AND IN HIS NAME, WE PRAY, AMEN