

<p><b>I . The rainbow is a sign of God’s faithfulness in keeping the covenant :</b>  <u>Gen.9:9</u> And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you  <u>13</u> I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.</p>	<p><b>A. “I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth” (Gen.9:13):</b></p>	<p>1. In order to assure mankind that there would never again be a flood to destroy them and the earth, God made a covenant with Noah, with his seed, and with every animal.</p>	
		<p>2. The rainbow is a sign that God is the One who establishes and keeps His covenant; the rainbow declares that God will keep His covenant.</p>	
		<p>3. The rainbow, a token of God’s covenant, signifies God’s faithfulness; God’s faithfulness is the rainbow : <u>1 Corinthians 1:9</u> God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  <u>1 John 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p>	<p>a. God Himself is faithfulness, and He is faithful to His word.  <u>1 Corinthians 10:13</u> No temptation has taken you except that which is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it. <u>1 Thessalonians 5:23</u> And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  <u>24</u> Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it.</p>
		<p>b. We have been spared by God’s faithfulness, and now we have a rainbow as a sign of God’s faithfulness.</p>	
	<p><b>B. “There was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance” (Revelation 4:3):</b></p>	<p>1. God is the God of life (jasper) and redemption (sardius):</p>	<p>a. The rainbow around His throne signifies that He is the covenanting God, the faithful God, who will keep His covenant while executing His judgment upon the earth.                      b. God will keep a part of mankind to be the nations on the new earth for His glory.</p>
		<p>2. The rainbow around the throne is like an emerald in appearance :</p>	<p>a. An emerald is a precious stone whose grass-green color signifies the lives on earth.                      b. This indicates that as God is executing His judgment upon the earth, He will remember His covenant and spare some of the lives on earth, as indicated in Genesis 9:11.  <u>Gen.9:11</u> And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.</p>
		<p><b>C. “I saw another strong Angel [Christ] coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon His head” (Revelation 10:1):</b></p>	<p>1. The rainbow here indicates that Christ in His judgment upon the earth will keep the covenant that God made with Noah concerning the earth. <u>Gen.9:16</u> And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth. <u>17</u> And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.</p>
			<p>2. The rainbow indicates also that Christ will execute judgment according to the God who sits on the throne with the rainbow around it, the faithful and covenant-keeping God.</p>
<p><b>II. The experience of the Christian life and of the church life consummates in a rainbow :</b>  <u>Ezekiel1:28</u> Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the brightness</p>	<p><b>A. God’s eternal purpose is to work Himself in Christ into us as our life and everything so that we may take Him as our person, live Him, and express Him; this is the desire of God’s heart and the focal point of the Bible :</b>  <u>Ephesians 1:9</u> Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,  <u>3:11</u> According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord, 16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,</p>	<p>1. The central work of God is to build Himself in Christ into us, making us one with Him for His corporate expression. <u>Galatians 4:19</u> My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,</p>	
		<p>2. Eventually, the Triune God and redeemed humanity will be united, mingled, incorporated, and built up as one entity—the New Jerusalem.</p>	
		<p><b>B. According to God’s plan, the spiritual things revealed in Ezekiel 1 begin with the wind and consummate with the rainbow :</b>  <u>Ezekiel1:4</u> And I looked, and there came a storm wind from the north, a great cloud and a fire flashing incessantly; and there was a brightness around it,....</p>	<p>1. As a result of having a clear sky with the throne and of experiencing the man who has the appearance of electrum and a consuming fire, we will have the appearance of a rainbow.                      2. The rainbow is the brightness around the man who is sitting on the throne; this brightness signifies the splendor and glory around the Lord on the throne.</p>
		<p><b>C. A rainbow can be</b></p>	<p>1. Blue, the color of God’s sapphire throne, signifies God’s righteousness; red, the color of the sanctifying fire, signifies God’s holiness; and yellow, the color of electrum, signifies God’s glory.</p>

<p>all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah.....</p> <p><b>II. The experience of the Christian life and of the church life consummates in a rainbow :</b></p>	<p><b>considered as being produced from the combining of three basic colors—blue, red, and yellow :</b></p>	<p>2. Righteousness, holiness, and glory are the three divine attributes that keep sinners away from God : <u>Gen.3:24</u> So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.</p>	<p>a. The sword for killing indicates God’s righteousness; the flame signifies God’s holiness; and the cherubim signify God’s glory.</p> <p>b. Because fallen man was unable to fulfill the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory, he was not permitted to contact God as the tree of life, until Christ fulfilled these requirements by His all-inclusive death on the cross to open a new and living way for us to enter into the Holy of Holies and partake of Christ as the tree of life. <u>Hebrews 10:19</u> Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus, <u>20</u> Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living away through the veil, that is, His flesh,</p>	
		<p>3. The Lord Jesus died on the cross to satisfy the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory, and now, in resurrection, He is our righteousness, holiness, and glory: <u>1 Corinthians 1:30</u> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,</p>	<p>a. Righteousness issues from God for His administration; now, in Christ, we are becoming the righteousness of God. <u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.</p> <p>b. We become holy, even as God is holy, by having God in us; we become more holy by being in God; and we become the holiest by being mingled, permeated, and saturated with God.</p> <p>c. Christ dwells in us as the hope of glory, and we are being transformed into His image from glory to glory. <u>Colossians 1:27</u> To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,</p>	
		<p>4. Because we are in Christ, we bear Christ as righteousness, holiness, and glory; in the sight of God we look like righteousness, holiness, and glory, and we have the appearance of a rainbow.</p>		
		<p>5. The reality of this rainbow must be wrought into us so that, as God’s redeemed ones, we will have the appearance of a rainbow, bearing God’s testimony; this means that we will bear God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory. <u>Revelation 21:19</u> The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <u>20</u> The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.</p>		
		<p>6. Although this rainbow will be fully manifested in eternity, the spiritual reality of this bright rainbow should be manifested in the church today:</p>	<p>a. In the church life we need to allow God to work in us, and we need to receive grace to the extent that everything becomes righteous, holy, and glorious.</p> <p>b. If we allow God’s holy fire to burn away everything that does not match Him so that His holy nature is manifested as gold through our humanity, the church will be filled with God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory.</p> <p>c. This righteousness, holiness, and glory will combine and reflect one another to form a bright rainbow expressing God and testifying for Him.</p>	
		<p><b>D. The New Jerusalem has the appearance of a rainbow; the holy city looks like a rainbow :</b></p>	<p>1. The colors of the twelve layers of the foundations have the appearance of a rainbow, surrounding the eternal God as His testimony; this signifies that the entire city is built upon the eternal faithfulness of the faithful God :</p>	<p>a. The New Jerusalem is built upon and secured by God’s faithfulness in keeping His covenant.</p> <p>b. In God’s economy we need to be constituted with the faithful God to be faithful even as He is faithful.</p>
			<p>2. As the New Jerusalem in eternity, we, the aggregate of God’s saved ones, will be a rainbow testifying forever that our God is faithful : <u>Revelation 21:2</u> And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.</p>	<p>a. By God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory, we will have the appearance of a rainbow declaring to the whole universe God’s saving faithfulness.</p> <p>b. When this rainbow appears, God will have the fulfillment of the desire of His heart.</p>
			<p>3. This eternal rainbow will be the consummation of the experience of the Christian life and the church life.</p>	

### **Experience:**

#### **① Christian life and church life are the life of the covenant:**

To what is God faithful? He is faithful to what He says. He is faithful to His word, and His word is the testament, the covenant. The covenant is simply God's Word. God is faithful in whatever He says. This is the rainbow. Whenever a cloud comes, you must call God's faithfulness to come. That means that you call out the rainbow. Whenever you feel that you are weak, you must call for God's faithfulness, saying, "O God, You are faithful. I am weak, but You must make me strong according to Your Word." We are all living under the covenant with God's faithfulness as the sure sign that the flood will not come. This is the church life.

Our Christian life and church life are absolutely a covenant life. We are under the covenant. In verse after verse of the New Testament, we find God's promises....There is a verse for every circumstance that you face. If you hold on to God's covenant, I can promise you that, regardless of what happens to you, there is a verse as a living promise for you to rely upon and live by. We all need to learn how to live under God's covenant. We should not be threatened or frightened by the clouds of our convictions, feelings, and environments. We are under God's covenant, fully under His blessing. There is no more condemnation, no more judgment, no more curse. Death has been abolished. In the church, we continually enjoy life. Everything is life. Do not be frightened about losing your job or your health. Do not be threatened by any dark or negative thing. We are the covenanted people, and we have a verse of promise to meet every situation. We must stand under the covenant and not believe in any failure, weakness, darkness, or negative thing. Our destiny is under the blood-sprinkled covenant. Hallelujah, we are the covenant people!

#### **Business life model:**

You have various difficulties as a businessperson. For example, a certain business may be shut down due to company policy, a sharp decline in revenue due to poor performance, a big change in the way of doing work due to the change of superior and the change of job. You should not be afraid of or be threatened by the clouds of these environmental changes. Because you are under God's covenant and is completely blessed by Him.

#### **② The local church should be responsible for the testimony of the rainbow:**

A rainbow can be considered as being produced from the combining of three basic colors—blue, red, and yellow. Blue, the color of God's sapphire throne, signifies God's righteousness; red, the color of the sanctifying fire, signifies God's holiness; and yellow, the color of electrum, signifies God's glory.

We need to experience Christ in such a way that when others contact us, they can sense righteousness, holiness, and glory. This means that they should be able to sense that we have a clear sky, that we have a throne, and that we are righteous and proper, not careless or loose in any way. We should also have the electrum, glowing, shining, and weighty. Then we will have the appearance of a rainbow....As those who were fallen but who have now been saved, we have become a testimony of God's faithfulness in saving us. Every local church should bear the testimony of such a rainbow.

#### **Junior high/High school student model:**

The God you believe and accepted is a God of righteousness, divinity, and glory. These are shown in blue, red and yellow, and the variety of vivid rainbow colors come out of these three color composites. The rainbow shows that God is faithful to the Word of His promise. In order to experience this rainbow, please experience God's righteousness (blue), divinity (red), and glory (yellow).

As for righteousness, you should not mount up with other classmates by saying bad things about teachers and friends. Learn to obey the authority of the teacher who was set up by the Lord. Also, regarding classmates, you need to show friendship and sympathy. For example, if there are wicked classmates, you should not be wicked as they do, but you need to pray for them.

As for divinity, most of the things mentioned earlier about speaking ill may be based on facts. However, such rumors are commonplace and not sanctified. Also, you like internet games and you may be crazy about it. Not all the internet games are sinful, but if you are too deeply absorbed in an internet game, you will lose the flow of sanctified life. In order to spend your student life under God's blessing, pursue to be sanctified. For that purpose, you need to learn how to restrict yourself from the internet games correctly.

Finally, as for glory, you need to learn to express Christ profoundly. Live Christ and express Christ is a life to maintain joy. A person without the Lord will soon lose joy. The Bible says, "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (Philippians 4: 4)*". Whether you are expressing Christ, the glory of God, is judged by whether you are always maintaining joy or not. Remember that the Lord lives in you and always maintain the joy.

If you experience God's righteousness, divinity and glory, you can live your Junior High / High School life with rainbow under the blessing of God's promise. Hallelujah!

③ To hear the voice of the Lord by standing in the right position :

Ezekiel said that what he saw was the appearance of the glory of the Lord. “When I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking” . If we want to hear the word of the Lord in the following chapters of Ezekiel, we all need to come to the same point—under a clear sky in front of the throne with a man sitting on it and bearing the shining and reflecting rainbow. This is the place where we can hear the voice from above. Being here positions us to hear the voice speaking from the heavens. I hope that every one of us will come to this point, and I also hope that all the local churches will also be here. Then the Lord will have a way to speak to us.

**Marriage life model:**

In marriage life, the wife tends to be a "brazen-faced old woman", and the husband tends to be a "lazy old man", who does nothing but work. In order to be saved from such imbalance, it is necessary to avoid making the marriage into a small kingdom. In the church life, there are husband and wife who are rich in spiritual experiences; you need to get their advices. And after you have received their advices, you both need to go to the Lord and pray. The Lord will speak to you through the married brothers and sisters who are advancing. In order to hear the Lord's voice through the body, you need to be in the right position. To be in the right position is:

- A) A combination of four living things, staying in the practical church life.
- B) Confess your sins, have a pure conscience, and a clear sky. Especially, in marriage life, it is necessary to pay attention because you tend to point out other's sins and not confess your own.
- C) Living a life subject to the throne. If you submit, you will be able to act on behalf of the Lord's authority.
- D) Living a life with rainbow. Christian life and church life are not life of effort and development of natural life but life with rainbow under the blessing of God's covenant.

Making the marriage life a small kingdom will only help to set up unusual and incorrect customs for that family. Since there is neither embarrassment nor reserve when it comes to being brazen-faced, there is no feeling even if doing something outrageous. Also, it will cause the person to become lazy and do nothing in the house. The Bible says as follows.

Philippians 2:12 *“So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;”*

The Lord likes to see marriage life building up with love one another, accept one another and help one another. Such husband and wife can cooperate with the Lord and bring much blessing to many people. May your marriage life further advanced

under the coordination, clear sky, person on the throne, testimony to the rainbow, and blessing from the voice of the Lord. Amen! Hallelujah!!