

Faith Sets the Bow

by C.H. Spurgeon

Faith in God's covenant promise gives us courage and trust in the face of trouble and affliction.

Scripture: Genesis 9:14

Topics: "God's Promises", "Faith"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that while we may face clouds of trouble in our lives, we should not fear destruction, as God's covenant with Noah assures us of His faithfulness. He illustrates that faith allows us to see the rainbow of God's promises amidst our afflictions, reminding us that God's bow is a symbol of peace and joy rather than destruction. Spurgeon encourages believers to dismiss fears that dishonor God, affirming that His covenant remains steadfast and unchanging. The sermon reassures us that even in dark times, God's promises are a source of hope and courage.

Transcript

And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud.
(Genesis 9:14)

Just now clouds are plentiful enough, but we are not afraid that the world will be destroyed by a deluge. We see the rainbow often enough to prevent our having any such fears. The covenant which the Lord made with Noah stands fast, and we have no doubts about it. Why, then, should we think that the clouds of trouble, which now darken our sky, will end in our destruction? Let us dismiss such groundless and dishonoring fears.

Faith always sees the bow of covenant promise whenever sense sees the cloud of affliction. God has a bow with which He might shoot out His arrows of destruction. But see, it is turned upward!

It is a bow without an arrow or a string; it is a bow hung out for show, no longer used for war. It is a bow of many colors, expressing joy and delight, and not a bow blood-red with slaughter or black with anger. Let us be of good courage. Never does God so darken our sky as to leave His covenant without a witness, and even if He did, we would trust Him since He cannot change or lie or in any other way fail to keep His covenant of peace. Until the waters go over the earth again, we shall have no reason for doubting our God.

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/ch-spurgeon/faith-sets-the-bow/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net