

## **GOD'S COVENANT WITH NOAH (IV) - THE COSMIC NATURE OF The Covenant made with all the beasts of Creation**

Dearly brothers and sisters in the Lord,

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of this series, we dealt with the significance of the cosmic nature of God's covenant with Noah. And we learnt that when Satan tempted Adam and Eve he had a larger purpose in mind: he wanted this creation to be his possession over which he could rule. He was interested in robbing God of all that belonged to him, to ascend the throne and taking from the hands of the Creator his vast and beautiful creation. Secondly, we saw that God revealed to Noah that Satan will never be successful for God will send Jesus Christ, the Seed of the woman who will defeat the seed of the serpent, that is the devil. And that God would not allow Satan to take this creation out of God's hand for God will establish his covenant not only with Noah and with his seed but also with the whole creation. And in today Pastor's Voice, we will deal with the significance of the covenant that God made with all the beast of creation.

Are you surprised that God includes the beasts of the field in the covenant? Scripture does reveal this to us that God's salvation extend unto all the creatures. First, this is evident because God commanded Noah to bring seven pairs of every species of clean animals and two pairs of every species of unclean animals into the ark. Secondly, the Old Testament prophesies that there will be animals in the new heavens and the new earth and they will live harmoniously one with another. This is not a description of life at the Millennium where there are those who teach that there is a literal one thousand year reign of Christ. Rather, this will be a return to the conditions in the Garden of Eden before the fall of man, where Adam and Eve could live and dwell without harm and danger and animals need not be in cages or separated by a ditch as in a zoo.

In Isaiah 11.6-8, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den". And in Isaiah 65.25, "The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust *shall be* the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD". This truth is also taught in the New Testament where the whole creation look forward to their salvation. Rom. 8.19-22 "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now". And Col. 1.20, "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven". And thus, God did establish a covenant with the whole creation with the beasts of the field.

And God gives rainbow as a sign or a token of the Covenant God makes with Noah and his household.

To be continued... "The Sign of the Rainbow"

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