

Blessed Lord, grant that I may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest Your Holy Word. In Jesus name. Amen.

II. Visible Marks and Signs of God's Promises

A. Review: What it means to be marked

- 1) God marks His people:
 - To identify them as His own,
 - To distinguish them from nonbelievers,
 - To show His devotion to them, and
 - As a remembrance for all He has done for them.
- 2) God seals His people:
 - To join them to Him by His Son,
 - To decree them as justified,
 - As a guarantee His promises will be fulfilled.
- 3) God gives His people signs:
 - To reveal His presence,
 - To guide in His way according to His will,
 - As gestures to convey His love,
 - To increase faith.
- 4) God anoints His people:
 - To demonstrate He chose them,
 - To cleanse and make holy,
 - To set apart for His work.
- 5) God names His people:
 - To claim them as His own,
 - To remind them who they are.

B. Marks and signs in the Bible stories

Let's review some Bible stories and look for God's Word before and the Faith in His promises after the marks or signs.

1) The Flood (Genesis 9:8-15) Rainbow

a) *What is made known and it is a (mark, seal, sign, anointing, and/or name)?*

b) *What is God's Word that preceded it?*

c) What follows as a result of seeing a rainbow?

2) Abraham and the Covenant of Circumcision (Genesis 17:1-14)

a) *What is made known and it is a (mark, seal, sign, anointing, and/or name)?*

b) *What is God's Word that preceded it?*

c) *What follows as a result of changing one's name? And of being circumcised?*

3) The Passover (Exodus 12:5-13)

a) *What is made known and it is a (mark, seal, sign, anointing, and/or name)?*

b) *What is God's Word that accompanies it?*

c) What follows as a result of seeing a blood red door or doorway?

4) Idolaters Killed for Abominations in the Temple (Ezekiel 8-9:1-6)

a) *What is made known and it is a (mark, seal, sign, anointing, and/or name)?*

b) *What is God's Word that accompanies it?*

c) What follows as a result of being marked on the forehead?

5) Jesus appearing to Thomas (John 14:18-21; 20:24-28)

- a) *What is made known and it is a (mark, seal, sign, anointing, and/or name)?*
- b) *What is God's Word that preceded it?*
- c) *What follows as a result of seeing Jesus resurrected with the nail and spear marks?*

C. Summary of Part II: The Visible Marks and Signs of God's Promises

God gives "gives certain signs as a mark or memorial of His promise, so that we may thereby the more faithfully hold to His promise and be more forcibly admonished by it." Summarize how do these marks and signs relate to the promises given in Baptism.

- 1) Rainbow (anointing by water):
- 2) Renamed (name):
- 3) Circumcision (seal):
- 4) Red door (anointing by blood):
- 5) Mark on the forehead (mark of the cross):
- 6) Jesus nail and spear marked body (sign):