

A Rainbow Over My Shoulder

A Reflection on Genesis 9:8 – 15

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God made a promise – a sacred “agreement” with Noah and his sons’ – descendants: that He would not only see them through the horrors of the great flood – He would never again destroy the earth by water. Rainbows are the reminder of God’s promise and faithfulness!

We know that the Creator keeps all promises: He delivered Daniel from the lion’s lair. The whale spits Jonah out of his belly to the shore and he delivered the Hebrews out of Egypt! So what about us? Can a “Brother” catch a break? Sometimes it feels like Black folks have been going through H – E – double hockey sticks for way, way too long. Why does it seem that so many of the world’s injustices are strapped to our backs?

Since we know God makes no mistakes, perhaps we should adjust the lens through which we see ourselves! When we feel persecuted, we might ask the Creator....Why He made us black...and God, through the poet, RuNett Ebo, would surely say:

*“Get off your knees and look around. Tell Me, what do you see?
I didn't make you in the image of darkness. I made you in the Likeness of ME!*

*I made you the color of coal From which beautiful diamonds are formed.
I made you the color of oil, The black-gold that keeps people warm.*

*I made you from the rich, dark earth That can grow the food you need.
Your color's the same as the panther' Known for (HER) beauty and speed.*

*Your color's the same as the Black stallion – a majestic animal is he.
I didn't make you in the Image of darkness I **made** you in the Likeness of **Me!***

*All the colors of a Heavenly Rainbow Can be found throughout every nation;
And when all those colors were blended well,.. **YOU BECAME MY GREATEST CREATION.***

*Your hair is the texture of lamb's wool – Such a humble, little creature is he.
I am the Shepherd who watches them. I am the One who will watch over thee.*

*You are the color of midnight-sky, I put the stars' glitter in your eyes.
There's a smile hidden behind your pain That's the reason your cheeks are high.*

*You are the color of dark clouds formed when I send My strongest weather.
I made your lips full so when you kiss the one you love – they will remember*

*Your stature is strong; your bone structure, thick - to withstand the burdens of time.
The reflection you see in the mirror...The Image looking back at you is.... **MINE!**”*