

Rain of the Holy Ghost

Rain is a method of God to release his power through the Holy Spirit to quicken His word.

The lord uses parables to teach us in his word, drawing analogies between the natural and the spiritual. James 5:7-8 tells us “therefore be patient, brethren until the coming of the lord. SEE how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and the latter rain. 8. You also be patient, establish your hearts for the coming of the lord is at hand.

There is a planting season (sowing). Mk 4:26-29. This is when the showers begin known as the former rain, falling mildly, to cause growth. The latter rains are heavy rains which come just before the harvest, to swell the crop and bring it to maturity. The former rain falls at seedtime and the latter rain falls just before the harvest. (ENDTIME). Then comes the harvest. Jesus said in matt. 9:35-38 “the harvest is plenteous. He was moved by compassion and said to pray to the lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into the harvest.”

It takes the rain to yield a harvest. Seeking the lord and yielding yourself to the

leading of the Holy Spirit is what causes the rain to break forth in our lives, in the power of God’s might. The prophet Joel said in chapter 2:23, “be glad then you children of Zion and rejoice in the lord your God, for he has given you the former rain faithfully, and he will cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month. We see this happen in acts. On the day of Pentecost, acts 2:16, Peter stood and preached to the crowd and said “this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel”.

Isa. 55:6-11—says we are to seek, inquire of the lord, repent of our wicked ways and he will have mercy and pardon. God will cause the rain to come from heaven and water the earth of our heart and force the seed sown to spring forth and produce. Verses 10 & 11 show that this is the principle for revelation of his superior ways.

II Cor. 9:10 tells us that god multiplies the seed sown and gives us more seed to plant again and bread to eat, and increases the fruits of our righteousness.

How does it work and what do we do?

Zech. 10:1 says ask of the lord rain in the time of the latter (or former) rain. It is the lord who makes lightnings which usher in the rain and give men showers, and grass to everyone in the field.

Hosea 6:3—if we follow on to know the lord,....he shall come unto us as the rain, the latter and former rain unto the earth.” It is the rain water from heaven that waters the earth and causes the seed to come forth. In 6:63 says it is the Holy Spirit who gives life to the word of god.

Isa. 55:11—we are to believe in the power of God in the word to prosper in what it says it will do.

Walk close to God that we can receive revelation of the word to know what those word can do.

THEN, when you are moved by the wind (whisperings) of the spirit and yield to God, the “rain” will break open, come forth. It will allow that word to flourish and come forth and manifest God’s glory and power and you will see into the spirit those things which he would have you to do.

SEEKING THE LORD (prayer) & yielding to the wind of the spirit brings the rain. RAIN gives moisture to the earth (heart) and causes the word (seed) to break forth, live LIFE bursting forth from the word is God’s power and glory (presence).

UNDERSTANDING (revelation) of what God wants you to do comes forth and you do it. JOB 29:23 indicates that we are to open our mouth wide, (to declare boldly), to receive the rain. The result of all this interaction is fruit and power. I Cor. 2:5.

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Our faith should **not** be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. “We are kept (guarded, garrisoned) by God’s power through faith for salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. I Pet. 1:5.

Jerm. 3:3 says sin will cause the latter rain to be withheld by God. But repentance will bring forth the rain again.

Therefore let us return to the lord and he will heal us, bind us up, revive us and raise us up to live.....and then will come as the latter (heavy) rain. Hosea 6:1-3.

Zech. 10:1 ask of the Lord for rain in the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds. He will give them showers of rain. Grass in the field for everyone!

James 5:7-8 be patient, establish your heart on the word and do not grumble against one another brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the judge is standing at the door.

There is a growing season, but you must first plant to receive your harvest.

Read Deut. 32:1-4 “let my teaching drop as the rain.....”

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