



Willows By The Watercourses

## COME HOLY SPIRIT Part 1

Palestinian agriculture depended upon the seasons of rain to fall on the soil that was dry and arid in the land of Canaan. The autumn rains fell in late October-early November to prepare the soil and germinate the seed whilst the spring rains came in March-April in readiness for the harvest.

These seasons of rain, often referred to as the early and latter rains, were critical to the livelihood of the Israelites (Deuteronomy 11.10-17; 28.12). The use of rain as a metaphor is contextualised by God's restored relationship with His people (Joel 2.23-25). The Israelites understood the receiving of rain in season as Divine blessings that epitomised God's kindness and constant attentiveness. The down pouring of rain occurred as a result of God's blessing on His faithful people.

God withheld the rains to capture the attention of His people to their need for interdependence and to keep their promise of faithfulness to Him alone (Amos 4.7-9).

Should the rains not come, the people would search their hearts to see whether

they lived in harmony with God and remained dependent on Him. If

not, the people were to repent and return to Him in hope of restoration.

Lessons can be learnt today in understanding the importance of rain to the Israelites. Their survival as a nation depended on it.

The autumn rains prepared the soil for planting seeds by nourishing and softening the earth. The Holy Spirit, represented by the rain, prepares our hearts (Isaiah 44.3). Through earnest sincere prayer we allow His light to search within and expose, that which is unlike God's character and nature.

Our weaknesses and needs, ignorance and necessity for wisdom, limitations and want of Divine power come into stark realisation and are acknowledged before the One whose grace is sufficient. Being in conversation with God promotes growth in trust of Him and forms an attitude of dependence on His grace. Preparation of our hearts through

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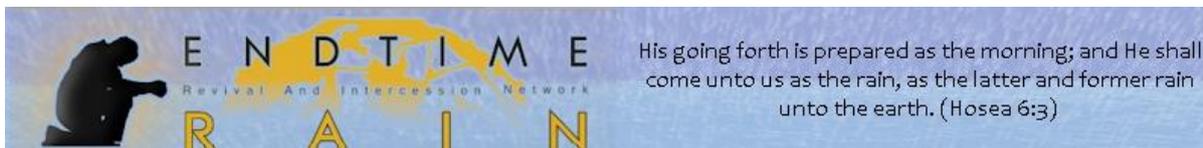
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**"The true  
church lives  
and moves and  
has its being in  
Prayer."**





prayer for receiving of the Holy Spirit is an important process in readiness to accept His outpouring upon us, just as the rain is necessary to the soil. Once the rains have made the soil ready the seed is rooted therein. God's word is planted within our hearts through listening to its message and making a response. Thus, with prepared hearts, the promise of Jesus is kept and the Holy Spirit comes down from heaven into our hearts. The Blessed gift of the Holy Spirit is received from God and hidden inside. We should believe, according to God's promise,

we shall receive the Holy Spirit. God expresses His willingness to give this gift to all who ask because of His love towards us as our Father (Luke 11:13). Let us pray, asking for the faith to believe we can receive the Holy Spirit and for our hearts to be ready to receive Him!

Come Holy Spirit, We Need You.

Come Sweet Spirit, We Pray.

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**South England Conference**



**No place is closed to intercessory prayer**

### Oh To Live In His Sight!

**Hosea 6:1-2 (KJV)**

**“Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day, he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”**

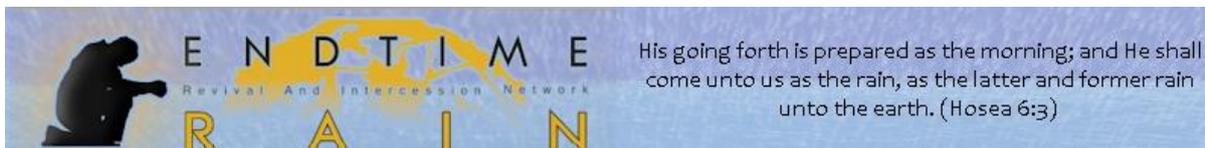
God is a God of relationships. Ever since the fall of man in Eden, His heart longs for the return of the crowning glory of His creation into loving fellowship. We have no excuse. Christ has paid the price in full with His blood. His requirement is for us to “Come and Return.” He does not condemn, He lovingly invites:

*“God calls for a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation. Unless this takes place, those who are lukewarm will continue to grow more abhorrent to the Lord, until He will refuse to acknowledge them as His children. A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices.” (Review & Herald, February 25, 1902).*

The question “Where Art Thou?” (Genesis 3:9),

is one that God is continuously asking us. Wherever you are in your spiritual walk, God has His arms outstretched, saying “Come.” He has promised to go to the “outmost parts of heaven” (Deuteronomy 30:4). In Psalms 139:7-8 David tells us that the Holy Spirit is even prepared to rescue us from hell. There is no place that we can go to that God cannot reach us. The only decision we have to make is to “Return.” There is a sense of urgency in Isaiah 55:1-3 as the invitation to “Come” is repeated four times. He wants to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst with the boundless Grace of His Holy Spirit. He wants us to listen to His still small voice and “Return” to the garden of fellowship where we can be safe in His loving embrace and can Live In His Sight. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus repeats the invitation to “Come.” He recognises that we may be burdened and distracted with life challenges, and He longs to give us spiritual rest and restoration. God will not give up on us: in Revelation 22:17, through the Spirit and the Bride, He makes a final plea to “Come” three times. Later, in verse 20, we learn why there is such an urgency - **Jesus Is Coming Soon!** Come, Let Us Return, He will Abundantly Pardon! (Isaiah 55:7).

**Heavenly Father, what manner of love you have for us. You want to restore our fellowship and reconcile us to yourself through Christ. You want to forgive us and grant us a Brand-New Start. Help us to respond to your loving offer to “Come and Return”, amen.**



**WELCOME TO**

Father in heaven, thank you for taking us through this two year journey on Facebook. We acknowledge that without you we wouldn't be where we are currently. We can't help but thank and praise you with all our hearts and all that's within us, we praise your Holy name, in Christ Jesus name, Amen.



**PRAISE REPORT**

I received a letter sometime back from an organization that provides housing benefits stating that they had suspended my allowance due to my immigration status. I decided to give them a call for further information regarding the action taken against my family. In my conversation, I informed the official that I have permanent settlement in the UK and the date the settlement was granted. Brothers and sisters, I could sense shock and disbelief in her tone.

The official asked for proof of the documents, which I took to their office. As I was being served, the professional who was attending to me said he could not understand why his colleagues wrote to me and suspended our allowance rather late (many months after permit had expired). He said normally they would write to individuals in the month the permit is due to expire but they didn't.

Maybe they would have given me grief then and perhaps suspended the allowance when they were meant to but they didn't. They decided to do checks on me many months after, and by that time, already obtained permanent settlement in the UK, thus they had no choice but to reinstate our housing allowance. **PRAISE GOD FOR DIVINE DELAY!**

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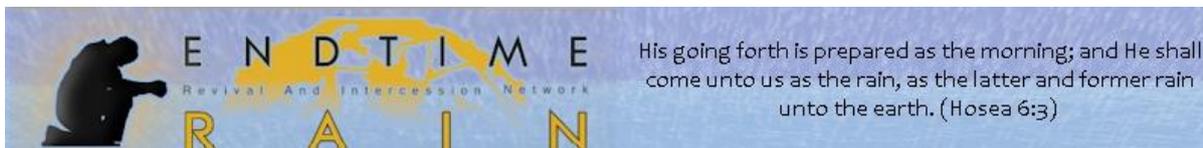
**WHAT WE ARE DOING?**

**To our readers and contacts**, we pray you have been blessed by our devotions, exhortations, prayers, as well as the links to weekly Sabbath school lessons, courtesy of Hope Sabbath School, and any other information you have needed from our main site at [www.endtimerain.co.uk](http://www.endtimerain.co.uk). We wish to extend our gratitude to the prayer sites, groups and our contacts that faithfully intercede for our prayer requests. **Thank you to all who faithfully share out information** from our site to their contacts, hence reaching out to multitudes of people. **On one occasion a post we shared reached 46,083 individuals!** Praise be to our God! who does not want anyone to perish but all to have eternal life. It is also good to see that **the number of our contacts is steady at 5,000**. Also the number of individuals who have liked our page **has risen to a total of 1,433**.



**THANKSGIVING**

**We thank God** for the **answers to prayers** experienced within **these two years** and **continue to press onwards and upwards on our knees** for more breakthroughs for our **God's hand is not short** that it cannot save, **neither are his ears heavy** that it cannot hear (Isaiah 59:1) He loves us with an **Everlasting Love** and is **waiting to be gracious to us** (Isaiah 30:18).



## Events & Prayer Calendar- May- August 2017

**May:** Success and favour for students undertaking exams, those seeking careers and employment

**June:** Revival in churches and local communities and the return of missing members

**July:** Faith and fruitfulness of church leaders at every level: locally, nationally and worldwide

**August:** Gods will for the nation; wise decision-making of the Queen, central and local government leaders

**Events:** Prayer Ministries: 27<sup>th</sup> May, 23 July; Camp Meeting: SEC: 19-25th June; NEC: 26th June - 2nd July.

## THE MIGHTY CLEAVER OF TRUTH

### Covering the sins of the world

*He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).*

More and more with each passing day, I have come to the realization that what people want is pleasant words and not the truth. To tell the truth is to offend, be called judgmental and to be seen has having a critical spirit. Rebuke is not "cool;" references to moral values, archaic; Bible, ridiculed and laughed to scorn. This is truly the time of the enemy and he is making the most of this long-awaited opportunity to deceive and blindside the people of this world.

An incident with a family member drove this home to me on a long drive back from Wales. I happened to disapprove of a friend's celebration of a notable birthday with a "birthday bash. "To my surprise the family member accused me of being judgmental in my stance against a worldly styled party. How are Christians to react to sin? Call it by its right name?

This is a view that the world does not accept...and they are not alone. Many in the church do not accept it either! Constantly the church is being bombarded with articles that seek to change the believer's perspectives on Bible truths, and the Spirit of Prophecy. Choice phrases are edited into articles found in our publications: "a safe church," "a loving and accepting church." "a church where all should feel welcomed." As though, by their constant repetition it lessens the sins that they cover. The Bible is very clear

"He that covereth his sins shall NOT prosper:' (Proverbs 28:13).

In Genesis chapter 1: verses 3and4 we read thus:

*"And God said let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. "(KJV).*

From the very beginning of the creation of this earth there has been a clear separation of light from darkness. Put another way the truth from the lie. God is truth; He is the light, to deny this is to cover lies with excuses. What truth is there in darkness? "No comment!

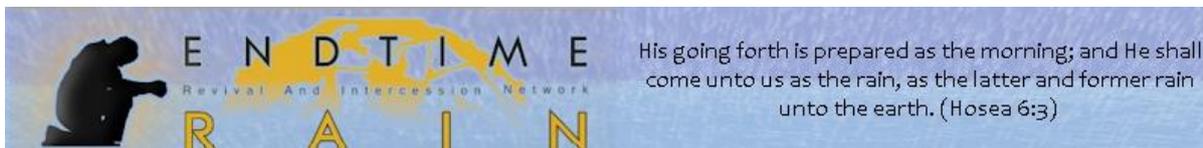
The Bible is very clear, God made no comment on the darkness, so how can Christians make comments? The enemy has done this, blindsided leaders and followers to believe and accept that there is some light, some grain of truth in darkness. That by sitting at the table with religious leaders of many faiths, this church will get something, which will benefit her. The status of "Observers," is in itself very profound, because by beholding we have observed how to become changed. God Himself separated this church from the world with the "Mighty Cleaver of Truth." (E.G. White Signs of the Times 06-06 1895).

All should walk in the truth and be separate from the things, which the enemy of our soul seeks to use to deceive us from our high calling. God accepts nothing but a confession of sins and the determined resolve to forsake and walk away from error and darkness.

In this time of refreshing, the task before us all is to share the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth with others. To pull them out of the hands of the "Father of lies."

*"He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:44)*

And into the light of the saving grace of the Gospel, God's promise of His mercy is available to all.



## Testimonies

### Overcoming By The Blood And The Word Of Testimony

Please join us as we thank and praise God for his faithfulness in answering prayers.

#### January 2017

We have a wonderful testimony regarding WS who we prayed for a few months ago and remains on the prayer list. They were terminally ill with renal failure. He has now recovered and returned to work! Hallelujah, Praise God!

Thank you all for praying for my sister H regarding her health. She suffered in silence regarding the issue for over one year! Brothers and sisters not long after we asked for prayers, the Lord God Almighty delivered my sister. God bless you All. C.

#### April 2017

Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for praying for my daughter's immigration situation. I received her documents hours ago from the Home office and she has been granted Permanent Settlement in the UK. Praise the Lord. Thank you ever so much for your prayers. God bless you. C.

#### May 2017

At the start of the year I sent a prayer request to End Time Rain for B who had been out of work since Jan 2016. To God be the glory she got a job last week and not just any job a senior role in a big organisation. She saw the Lord's hand in this appointment, He was involved from her first interview to the last. He moved mountains and Goliath's for her to get this job, it was so evident. B would like to thank End Time Rain prayer warriors for all their prayers, may God bless you all and above all Abba father for His grace and mercy she could not have done this without him.

Dear intercessors, thank you for praying for S who had a mental health crisis at the latter end of 2016 which led to a hospital admission. Praise God she was discharged last month. The family have requested that you continue to pray for stability. Thanks.

I know that all the prayers were appreciated very much. Unfortunately, the sister passed away after battling with cancer for several years. She had accepted the Lord, the health message and the Sabbath, all praise to God. Since her death her parents want to support the health message for others who are sick and want to heal naturally. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Good morning Thank you for all your prayers my brother in law E is much much better. He hasn't had a temperature in 24 hours, he is responding to meds, no more pain and he can now eat and talk. May the Lord be glorified for His gracious and merciful. Thank you so much for standing with us in pray. God bless you all.

*Testimony of Jesus*

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