



Send Down The Rain

COME HOLY SPIRIT Part 2

Paul prays that out of His [God] glorious riches He may strengthen us with power through His Spirit in our inner being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith (Ephesians 3.16-17a).

As germination begins the first roots pierce the seed shell and stretch down into the depth of the soil. Similarly, the Holy Spirit embeds Himself in our hearts and His ministry of renewal and transformation becomes alive within. Regular watering is required to encourage the growth of the seed. And just as the seed requires water to establish itself, we should drink daily from the stream of Living Water to maintain spiritual growth. A seed needs three important elements to become a plant: water, light and good environment. Our sources of nutrient: prayer, Bible study and worship (amongst others) are invaluable to nurturing the Holy Spirit' work within us and for developing an exclusive relationship with God. The Psalmist writes "In the morning O Lord you hear my voice, in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation" (Psalms 5.3).

Coincidentally, it is recommended to water seeds in the morning because of the low temperatures. This optimal environment allows the water to soak down to the roots. With the continued process of germination tender shoots begin to penetrate through the ground symbolising what has taken place within the soil. The initial sprouting of the seed above the soil represents the outflowing of the Holy Spirit, the power received by His outpouring into our hearts. Now we are a supply of living water, life-giving rivers, streaming into the lives of others.

Out of the heart will gush words of hope and life, forgiveness, love and compassion. We will have better quality relationships, do acts of kindness, serve to others, and much more besides. This is the inward ministry of the Holy Spirit that renews our mind and flows outwardly from new attitudes and behaviour. Without the early rains, the germination process would fail and the seed most likely die in the soil. No green sprout would appear. Unless God's blessing came in

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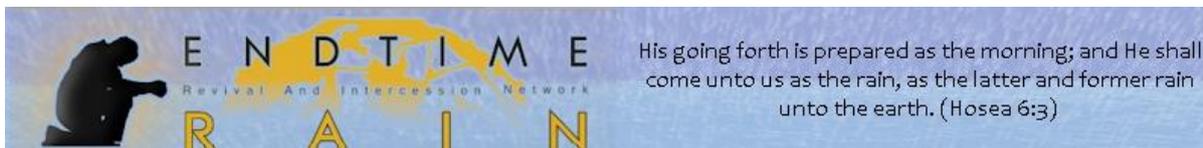
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**"Prayer breaks
all bars,
dissolves all
chains and
opens all
prisons."**





season, His people would face famine and hardship. His blessing of the Holy Spirit is so desperately needed to restore our relationship with Him. Without the Holy Spirit' persuasion and transformation from within, we have no connection to that which is essential to our existence. Now is the time. Today is the day to start the process of spiritual restoration and growth according to the Holy Spirit' presence and power. God is willing to give, should we be

willing to ask:

*"Come Holy Spirit we need You
Come Sweet Spirit we pray
Come in Your strength
and Your power:
Come in Your own gentle way."*

Veronica Williams
Prayer Ministries Co-ordinator
South England Conference



No learning can make up for the failure to pray

Showers of Blessing

Ezekiel 34:26 (KJV)

"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing."

"There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Saviour above." The hymn "Showers of Blessing" expresses in words the sentiments of the human heart - whether it knows God or not: that of desiring to be blessed. God desires to bless his people, in fact in Matthew 5:45 we are told that God blesses the just and unjust alike with sunshine and rainfall. But what of the latter rain you might ask? What is its purpose? Ellen White describes it below:

"More abundant than the former rain. The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are "the times of refreshing" to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus" (GC 611-612).

The opening scripture conveys a message similar to that recorded in Deuteronomy 30:19: *"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:"* God graciously lays out the realities of the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan between good and evil, life and death. Our extravagantly generous God wants to bless us "exceedingly abundantly" through the Outpouring of His Holy Spirit. God Our Almighty; The Holy One of Israel who is High and lifted up; Our God who exists in unapproachable glory and splendour wants to impart His Own Spirit within us! He wants us to be like Him. Our finite mind and self-centred nature is unable to fully comprehend what God wants to do in and through us. How many of us would willingly and unselfishly pour out our lives for others? It is an act of pure and unadulterated Agape Love, embodied within a person whose very nature is to "so love" that it gives. Family of God, if Our Heavenly Father said it, He means it! He promises Showers of Blessings - when we choose Him, we choose LIFE. Why not give your all to Him and in exchange, He will give His All to you. How's that for a blessing?

Father, you want to refresh our weak and vacillating souls with Showers of Blessing. Fill us continually with your Holy Spirit. Grant us the promised abundant life today through your Son Jesus Christ so that we may be "partakers of the divine nature" and look forward to eternal life in the future, amen.



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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

WITHOUT THE FIRST RAIN

*Be patient therefore, Brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth For the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the **early and latter rain** (James 5:7.)*

- ✚ **Without** the first rain, there can't be a last harvest. Without the Son's Light. All would be in darkness. Without the spring showers, the seed of truth can't grow.
- ✚ **Without** the fresh crops. Jesus no one would know.
- ✚ **Without** the latter rain, there be nothing to reap.
- ✚ **Without** God's eternal mercy. Over sin, no one would weep.
- ✚ **Without** the outpouring, Of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ **Without** the word of God. No one for heaven would be fit.
- ✚ **Without** the first rain, the latter rain can't come So that Jesus can return and set up His Kingdom!

(Poem by Deborah Ann Belka)

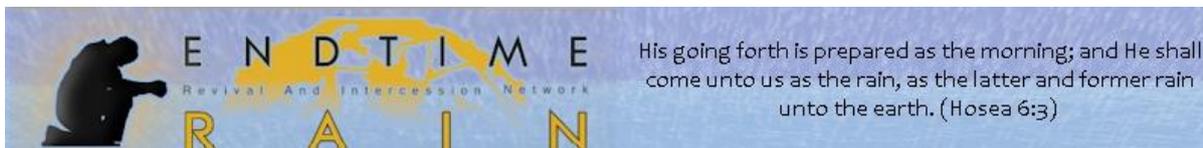
WHAT WE ARE DOING?

We thank God for sis C who after a long road of unemployment secured a job in a God ordained place at a God ordained time. Blessed be the name of the Lord in all the earth. We thank God for healing taking place in the life of sis H. We thank God for a powerful two week Campaign that took place at CL Church (United Kingdom) and ended with baptism as well as over ten individuals indicating and interest in getting baptized in the near future, glory to the name of the Lord, who's hand is not short that it cannot save neither are His ears heavy that it cannot hear! (Isaiah 59:1). We also thank God for those who responded to the various alter calls made by Dr S, Lord God Almighty be praised. Thank you all for being part of ETR Facebook. May the Lord bless and keep you.



THANKSGIVING

Thank you all on ETR Facebook and other contacts connected to this site for your time in reading, sharing and commenting on the posts. God bless you all. We thank God for an increase in number of those who have liked our page. We thank God for a steady number of contacts - God bless your faithfulness. We thank God for thousands of individuals reached through the posts on a weekly basis, may the Lord continue to mould your hearts, transform your minds His for His name sake.



Events & Prayer Calendar- September- December 2017

September: Effective public services: NHS, social services, education, welfare and emergency services

October: Freedom from fear and violence; peace, safety in the nation and local communities

November: People experiencing persecution, pestilence, poverty, war or natural disasters; success of missionaries and ADRA

December: SDA leaders: conferences, presidents, directors, pastors, worldwide, nationally and locally. Church growth, evangelism, revival and reformation

Events: Prayer Ministries: 22nd October; 4-11 November Week of Prayer; 10-12 November Prayer & Healing.

PET HATES

“as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and has the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.” Isaiah.61:11. More and more with each passing day, Rain! You either love it or hate it. Maybe hate is a bit strong, but an unexpected shower is not everyone’s “cup of tea.”

Usually you are without an umbrella, wearing the wrong sort of clothing and totally unprepared for the soaking that this downpour will give you. As you resign yourself to the uncomfortable day ahead, the feeling you will experience in damp clothes and matted hair, you grin and bear it; rain, it’s out of your control. On the other-hand there are those who love the rain. Small children find it pure joy. Skipping and jumping into puddles created by the heavy showers in cracks and holes on the pavement feels like heaven to them. They don’t mind how heavy the rain falls, they are not as concerned about getting wet as much as their parents are. Those that are wearing their raincoat and wellies laugh the loudest!

I was out in the rain when I met a sister who has an allotment plot. She was happy to see the rain. For her it meant that she did not need the watering can to do the exhausting job of watering the plants herself. ‘The rain is a blessing.’ The desire for rain is with those who are experiencing a drought. They see the corn or the wheat in the field wilting and dry, the soil parched and the children hungry. Farmers also like to see the rain, especially those in countries that depends on the showers to help their crops grow. Having prepared the land by hoeing and digging, then planting and staking out the crops,

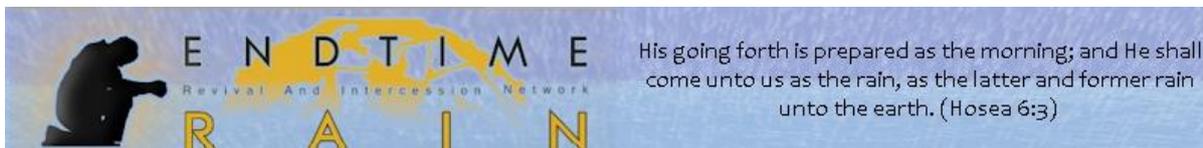
they need the rain to give the final blast to ripen and grow the fruits to harvest. They look to the promise given in Deuteronomy 11:14 where God said that He “will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.”

Like the farmer who cannot make his crops grow, your life has to come under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

This change cannot be done by man, it’s a work of surrender. By yourself, your effort is in vain. Only through the divine Spirit will the word be living and powerful to renew the soul unto eternal life. EW COL p65-67. When you give your will to God to change your carnal nature, it becomes a daily work of obedience. You will daily feed on His word, asking the Holy Spirit to give you clarity and understanding; your bad habits are resisted with a thus says the Lord. Places which you once visited, no longer appeal to you; things that you once watched, you watch no more. Friends who once influenced you, are ex friends. And the things you hated, you now love. Like the farmers who have prepared the soil, the seed sown in your life has found good ground. You have accepted the truth. Satan with all his agencies of evil is not able to snatch it away.

‘The soul dwelling in the pure atmosphere of holy thought will be transformed by communion with God through the study of the Scriptures.’ EW COL. And will bring forth fruit in obedience. God’s word received in the soul will be seen in good works. The results will be a Christ-like character and good works. Christ came to do good works, He says this in Psalm 40:8 *“I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, Thy law is within My heart.”*

You will have difficulties and trials...Through conflict your spiritual life is strengthened. As the farmer waits long for the precious fruit of the earth he receives the early and the latter rain. So, you are to wait with patience for the fruition in your life of the word of God. Christ living in you, His character reproduced in your nature you will bring forth fruits of the Holy Spirit some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.” EW COL.



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.

Show Me Something Wonderful!

This story starts with challenge to God “to show me something wonderful”. I borrowed the phrase from my brother, a spiritual man, with many wonderful testimonies of answered prayer. A thought came to mind posing this challenge to God as I made my way to a conference to represent my manager, Director of Operations in an East London NHS organisation. I felt excited about representing my organisation where I had been working for the past 6 months. I also looked forward to the prospect of participating in the conference and sharing the interesting developments in the NHS with my manager and colleagues on my return to work.

My initial exhilaration dissolved into apprehension as soon as I sat down and perused the delegates list. On the list were the names of 4 senior colleagues from my previous organisation, including an ex line manager with whom I had difficult relationship with. The personal and professional camaraderie of these ex colleagues had always unnerved me. As I was on my own at the event, it didn't take long for such thoughts resurface. From that point on, my main preoccupation was to survive the event.

When the tea break arrived, I went to where the refreshments were served to see whether I could spot my ex-colleagues and work out my strategy for surviving lunch. Before the end of the break I was impressed “to pull myself together and pray” so I made my way to the toilets to compose myself.

In the toilet I asked God for a lunch time companion and prayed the words from Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

I left the cubicle and proceeded to wash my hands when my attention was drawn to a conference handbook by the sink. When my hands were dry I started to leaf through the handbook. Whilst reading, the person from the second toilet emerged and I embarrassedly asked whether it was hers and she responded with a nod of confirmation. To my surprise she said, “I know you.” I didn't recognise her, but I was certain that she knew me when she said, “how are your boys?” It didn't take long for us to discover that we had both attended a 9-month modular leadership programme 6 year previously. When we left the toilet, her parting words “perhaps we can catch up at lunch” made my heart leap. I was amazed by the speed of God's response to my prayer and instantaneously my original enthusiasm and interest in the conference returned.

We met during lunch and I met face to face with my ex colleagues with a new-found confidence and joy. God had so bolstered my spirit that I was able to greet them politely and enjoy the rest of the conference. The Lord reminded me (walking on cloud nine) on my way home that He had indeed shown me something wonderful, He also brought to mind the opening verse from Isaiah 65:24: “before they call I will answer.”

From that experience I learnt that God is always with us and longs to bless us. He calmed my fears and revealed to me in a profound way how He fulfils His promises. I asked for peace and a lunchtime companion and He provided me with instant relief from my distress. All His answers to prayer are wonderful miracles! Now friends, I pose the challenge to you today- ask God to show you something wonderful- I guarantee He will. When He does- make sure you share your testimony!

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