

The Rain of Heaven

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“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

Zechariah 14:16-18

There is a shift in the heavens. A new day has dawned upon the church! There is a changing of the guard. The Lord is raising up vanguard leaders around the world. The church is emerging and beginning to take her place. This new day is the Day of the Lord; it is the day of rain.

From Christ's ministry on the earth until now, the church and nations of the earth have experienced the grace of God. Now we are moving into a new day in God, it is His Kingdom. The rain of God, in the past, has fallen upon the just and unjust alike according to Matthew 5:45 which reads, *“That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh*

his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”, but in our passage in Zechariah, we see that the rain falls only on those who worship the King. Zechariah prophesied that if you don't come up to worship it will not rain upon you. In other words, no worship no rain.

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” John 4:23

This verse reveals to us that God is looking for worshipers. He is not seeking worship, but worshipers, and there is a major difference. If a man worships God, his worship may be restricted to only a church gathering, but as a worshiper, it becomes a

lifestyle. Worship is not just singing choruses or hymns; it is not just the lifting up of hands, dancing before the Lord or bowing before Him. We worship God also in how we treat our

spouse, how we raise our children, working hard and providing for our family. All of these are but a few ways we worship the Lord. Therefore, our whole lives are lived in worshiping God. The Old English word for worship is “worth-ship” and is defined



as 'something of value transported to and given to God'. Through our worship every day, we demonstrate our love for the Lord. Man worships whom he serves and serves whom he worships. Therefore, God seeks worshippers in which He may pour out His rain upon them. Worship keeps the heavens open over your life, so the Lord's favor and blessing can come upon it.

"For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I 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." Deuteronomy 11:10-14

The church has presently been in a wilderness season, but now she is preparing to go into her promise land. A land that flows with milk and honey and where the water that we drink flows as rain from heaven. In Egypt the land was parched, and the only life source of water they had came from the Nile River. They used foot pumps to irrigate the crops. Many spiritual leaders in the past and present, use emotional hype to try to create revival or a move of the Spirit by using "spiritual foot pumps". But, the Word promises us that in due season He will give us the rain of heaven. Not the flow of the spirit that man

attempts to create, but the rain God sends. But let us look at the prerequisite for the rain to come to us. If we love the Lord and serve Him with all our heart and soul, He will send the rain. Out of our intimate relationship with the Lord flows the divine blessing of God into our lives. In other words; God says if you love Me, obey Me and serve Me with all your heart, I give you a promise of rain. The Rain of the Lord speaks of the Presence of the Lord and the blessings of God.

"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. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:1-3

This is a day of reversals. The torn will be healed, the smitten will be bound up and the requirement for rain is to follow Him. We can't follow everyone if we desire to follow Him. We must take up our cross and follow Him at all costs so we can experience God's rain on our lives, families, churches and the nations. He tells us He shall come to us as the rain. Praise the Lord He is the Rain of Heaven!

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zechariah 10:1

We have to ask for what God is giving. We cannot wait for the rain, He desires that we would ask Him for it. First we ask of the Lord who is the source of rain. We have not because we ask not. The rain of heaven

comes as a response to our earnest prayers. We also must ask the Lord for what He is offering. For example, don't ask for snow when God is sending rain. We must ask according to the season we are in. Once again God is promising rain to this generation, He promised He will pour out His Spirit (rain) on all flesh. Praise the Lord! If we don't worship there will be no rain. But, to those who come up to worship the Lord at this time, He promises He will come to us as the Rain; the former and the latter rain all in one season. Like the prophet Elijah, I hear the sound of the abundance of rain. My prayer is that you also will hear the "sound of abundance" and prepare for Heaven's Rain.



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