

Showers of Blessing

“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.” (Ezekiel 34:26).

Anyone who has ever lived through a drought appreciates the value of a drenching summer afternoon shower. It provides relief from the blazing temperatures and slows the browning of our yards and gardens. We can even stand a little wind, lightning and thunder with the shower as long as we get the rain.

Isn't it strange that when rain is plentiful, these summer showers are considered nuisances that interrupt our activities, but when rain is scarce, they are welcomed with open arms? Why the change in attitude toward the rain? It's simply because, having known what it's like to be short of rainfall, we now appreciate it when it comes.

That's the way it is with all the blessings God has given us. We take so many of them for granted and often only appreciate God's blessings when some of them are diminished or just outright deleted from our lives. Good health, a sufficient amount of money in the bank, a peaceful home life, an enjoyable job are all blessings that are enjoyed and perhaps unappreciated while we have them, missed and greatly desired when we lose them.

The fact is that there is no drought when it comes to God's blessings. He showers us daily with all that we need and so much more. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). Even when one part of our lives seems to be dark, we are still abundantly blessed in so many other areas. For that matter, the apparently dark portions of our lives can actually turn out to be blessings. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." (James 1:2-3). "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (II Corinthians 12:10).

Just like the summer showers that grace our land, God's showers of blessing are refreshing, invigorating and rejuvenating. Unlike these summer showers, God's showers of blessing are constant. We are always in these showers. Furthermore, these showers do not come in trickles or tiny drops. They are abundant showers. They are all around us. While we might run from a summer shower to avoid getting wet, we cannot escape God's showers of blessings (and certainly we would not want to!).

When was the last time you paused during your busy life to count the blessings that God showers upon you daily? Doing so will help you see what you have, lead you to stop worrying and complaining about what you don't have, and bring you into a happier and more thankful attitude toward life. You and I are "soaking wet" with the Divine showers of blessing. May we realize this more fully each day that we live. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." (Proverbs 10:22).

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