

The Law of Rain

Hebrews 6:7-8

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

There is much to be learned of God and His operation by simple observation of nature itself. Paul gave insight into this very principle when addressing men with long hair:

1 Corinthians 11:14

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

Here in chapter 6 of the book of Hebrews, the writer begins by addressing the readers with what I like to call “spinning your wheels” with those who have tasted of the heavenly and decided to walk away from the Lord. He furthermore proclaims it would be impossible to renew them again unto repentance seeing they crucify to themselves the son of God afresh and placed Him to an open shame. He then follows with our opening text to declare the end of those who walk away from God by using nature as an illustrator.

The rain as we know represents the spirit of the Lord.

Hosea 6:3

3 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.

By James we are told to be patient unto the coming of the Lord as the husbandman is patient in receiving the precious fruit from the earth that is brought forth by the early and latter rain.

James 5:7

7 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 receive the early and latter rain.

With the rain, there is a natural law that states it rains on all people and at all places. The Lord established this law that He would rain on the earth whether the man be a just man or an unjust man, furthermore he would cause it to rain if there was a man or not. The rain falls upon all and everywhere.

Matthew 5:45

45 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.

Job 38:26

26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

We see in Hebrews as the rain falls it produces vegetation to be blessed and consumed and yet the same rain produces thorns and briars and is rejected, cursed and judged by fire. God does His part by sending the rain, what grows because of the rain is our responsibility. As a result of the rain, something is going to grow but not all growth produces the same fruit or vegetation. The seeds that are planted in the soil of the heart is our own responsibility. If we sow to the Spirit, we will reap of the Spirit and if we sow to the flesh of the flesh we shall reap.

Hosea 10:12-13

12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

Galatians 6:7-9

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked. No one gets away with sin, for God will send the rain upon all flesh and reveal what type of seed has been sowed in the heart. Growth will come from what has been planted when the rain falls to reveal its fruit. As we have all witnessed in time past, God moves in a service and those who are sowing to the spirit will respond with true worship and praise. The fruit of their lips are continually with them. To those who are cold and indifferent who have sown to the flesh, reap to their flesh corruption and destruction. For God is mocked and His rain reveals it all. In any given service, rain falls upon all, but not all have sown the same seeds. All will reap, but not all reap the same thing.

It is the preacher that sows the Word of God and must continue to sow and faint not. We sow in hope, believing to receive precious fruit—the reward of our labor.

It is everyone's responsibility to cultivate a climate for good seed to be sown, through prayer, fasting, daily time in God's Word, fellowshiping with godly people etc. For we cannot forget there is an enemy that is looking for an opportunity to sow his own seeds when a person's guard is down, and they are spiritually sleeping.

Matthew 13:24-25, 37-40

24 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

37 He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

God will rain upon all, all will bare some type of fruit or growth, but not all bare the same, some are blessed while others are cursed.