

Bible Study, Symbols Of The Holy Spirit, Week 7, Rain

Day: 1

Read Hosea 5: 15- 7: 2 (Text verse 3)

This reading tells us about two kinds of rain, the heavy winter rains that made the ground wet right through, filled the rivers and fountains and the spring rain that refreshes the earth and ensured growth.

1. Can we say the Holy Spirit was poured out fully at Pentecost?
2. Do you think we have to be refreshed with the Holy Spirit by constant preaching and quiet time to really bear fruit for the final harvest?
3. Read Psalm 72: 1-19. Hosea 10: 12.
4. What is the nature of God?
5. How do we prepare for the “rain” of the Holy Spirit?

Day: 2

Read 1 Kings 8: 22-36 (Text verse 35)

God also used rain as a form of punishment in the old Testament.

“When the skies shrivel up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, but then they pray at this place, acknowledging your rule and quitting their sins because you have scourged them, Listen from your home in heaven, forgive the sins of your servants, your people Israel. Then start over with them: Train them to live right and well; send rain on the land you gave your people as an inheritance.”

1Kings 8:35 - 36

1. Name a few instances where God used too little rain as punishment and where did God use too much? (Genesis 7:12, 1 Samuel 12: 18)
2. Does the Holy Spirit sometimes act with condemnation in order to correct the children of God so that they can correct their ways? (1 Corinthians 11: 30-31)
3. Does the Holy Spirit have to use this method with us, even today?
4. What is the purpose there of?
5. Read Genesis 6: 5-9 and Job 22: 15-18.
6. Why did God use rain as punishment?
7. Why did He save Noah?

Day: 3

1 Kings 18: 41-46 (Text verse 45)

1. Rain comes from the heavens above.
2. Rain is the primary source of water on earth.
3. All water sources have to be replenished by rain.
4. As a symbol of the Holy Spirit, what does it tell us?

5. What do we learn about intercession from the way Elijah prayed to God on the mountain?
6. Why do you think the servant had to look in the direction of the Mediterranean see seven times before he saw anything?
7. This lesson teaches us to focus on God and not on popular prophets, ministers or pastors of the day.
8. It is from God that we receive the “rain” of the Holy Spirit.
9. Read Ezekiel 34: 20-31 and James 5: 17-18.
10. What was the reason that it rained in the end?
11. What can we do to please God and make Him happy so He will bless us with His “rain?”

Day: 4 (The great design)

Read 2 Kings 7: 11-22 (Text verse 14)

Rain fall according to certain seasons and forms part of detailed climate plan, even though it may sometimes look as if it rains “out of the blue.” Certain forces of nature work together to form the rain even though it may appear arbitrary to us.

1. Do you think it was the same with all the great revivals we know about, such as in the Hebrides?
2. What preceded all these great revivals?
3. Do you think people praying together can have a big impact on a problem?
4. What did the people, in these revivals, expect?
5. Do you think their expectations; together with their prayers were important “climate” factors in these revivals?
6. In the verses we read we see some of the elements needed when we ask God for spiritual healing and revival, name them.
7. Read 1 Chronicles 28: 9, Isaiah 29: 11-14 and James 4: 8-10.
8. What should our attitude be hen we are seeking God?
9. What are God’s promises if we seek Him in such a way?

Day: 5

Read Job 36: 22-33 (Text verse 28) (Gift to a thirsty world)

1. Rain is a free gift from heaven.
2. God is the giver of all good things.
3. Read Acts 14: 17, what is Paul reminding the people of Lystra of here?
4. Read Jeremiah 14: 22, what is Jeremiah saying here? Keep in mind he is interceding for God’s people.
5. Likewise the Holy Spirit is a free gift from God. The people received it with the laying on of hands by Peter and John, but it was still a free gift from God. Read Acts 8: 20.
6. The blessing of the Spirit is free. Read the following and name the other things God gives us for free. Hosea 11: 4, Luke 7: 47, Romans 3: 24.
7. Now what is the instruction we get in Matthew 10: 8?

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 and explain how we are supposed to serve our neighbor from the riches of God's Spirit.
9. Read Matthew 5: 43-48, Hebrews 6: 12 and James 5: 7-11.
10. How does God show us that He loves us?
11. How does God make His promises to us come true?

Day: 6 Transformed

Read Isaiah 44; 1-23 (Text verse 14)

1. Rain wets the earth and it is essential for plants to grow.
2. Read Isaiah 41: 18-19 and Psalm 1
3. Psalm 1 is speaking of an exceptionally blessed person.
4. It is God's Spirit that refreshes us, feed us and let us grow (growing bigger and taller in a spiritual way)
5. What is better than all the riches of the world?
6. What is a better possession than a worldly one?
7. Who is responsible for our spiritual growth?
8. Who makes us fruitful and useful in God's kingdom?
9. Who influences us to have a more effective prayer life?
10. Are you willing to be led to spiritual maturity and a Jesus-personality through the Holy Spirit's loving influence in your life?
11. Read Isaiah 41: 17-20.
12. What will bring change in our country and in the lives of our people?
13. How are we refreshed and fed so that we can grow?

Day: 7 Do You Really Mean It?

Read Mark 11: 20-33

1. When you say something, do you really mean it?
2. When you say you are doing something in faith, do you really mean it?
3. Let us pray that God's children will come together and start praying in all earnest for God to send us a sign that He is ready to bless us with His spiritual "rain" (1 Kings 18: 44)
4. Think about the week's studies and write down what God told you to do this week.