

Showers of Blessing

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As I write this article we are *finally* getting a nice shower. I know many of you have prayed for the needed rain. Please continue to do so, but always *qualify* your prayers with the phrase “*if it be Your will.*” Sometimes drought has been used in the past to cause a people or nation to repent (1 Kings 17). Certainly, we need to *repent* as a nation. But God is also kind and merciful and may grant your petition.

But the rainfall reminded me of a song we used to sing: “There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing” by Daniel H. Whittle. Obviously the song is about *spiritual* blessings. The chorus goes like this:

**Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.**

The words are quite graphic. There are a few “*mercy-drops*” falling, but we need to pray for “*showers of blessing*”! Jesus told us to “*ask, and it will be given you*” (Matt. 7:7).

The song goes on to speak of spiritual blessings which would provide “*seasons refreshing,*” with “*precious reviving again.*” In the fourth stanza, it says:

**There shall be showers of blessing:
Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we’re confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!**

One has to wonder if a long, summer drought inspired the words of this song. But we should remember that there is **never** a spiritual drought unless it is self-induced! If you are not a Christian, then God will rain down upon your soul “showers of blessing” if you believe in Jesus as God’s Son, repent of your sins, confess your faith in Jesus, and are baptized for the remission of sins! (Jn. 8:24; Acts 2:38; Matt. 10:32). As a Christian, you may come boldly to the throne of grace in repentance and prayer and find grace to help in time of need (1 Jn. 1:7-9; Heb. 4:16). “*I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing*” (Ezek. 34:26).

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