

How Bad Do You Want It To Rain?

We have had a drought in Southeast Missouri for several months now, but while I was preaching this message it began to pour down rain on the outside while God was pouring out his Spirit on the inside. The people were amazed. Several people received the Holy Ghost, several were baptized and God's people were being healed.

1 Kings 18:15-18:45

I hear the sound of the abundance of rain: That means my ear has picked up a signal in the airwaves

Sound = vibrations) my ear has picked up the vibration of something that is coming.

I can't see it, I can't touch it, I don't feel it but it's on the way.

How do I know it's coming this way?

Because it's getting louder all the time, (the closer it gets the louder it gets).

When a train is coming your way, you feel the vibrations before it arrives.

When large hail is coming your way, you hear it blocks away.

When 120 men and women had gathered in the upper room waiting for the promised power, the bible says: Suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

There was a sound: The sound was an indication (Something is coming).

Suddenly cloven tongues as fire appeared on each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

I hear the sound of an abundance of rain: Elijah spoke those words in a place and a time where there had not been one drop of water from the sky

or dew on the ground, in 3 1/2 years. What did that mean? (Rain)

A. It meant: life, recovery restoration, it meant the rivers will run again, fish will be caught again,

B. It meant the crops will grow again, It meant there will be joy where there has been sorrow,

C. It meant there will be laughter where there has been weeping.

What we need to do right now is get ready for the rain

{The outpouring of the Holy Ghost}, the rain of change is on its way; you need to listen for the sound of the abundance of rain.

That may not mean anything to some of you, but for somebody listening to my voice it means everything.

I believe someone going through tough spiritual battles has been listing for an answer to the problem.

- It's on the way, it's on the way, it's on the way
- Help is on the way, the answer is on the way,
- The breakthrough in the Holy Ghost is on the way.

There's just something powerful about knowing that it's on the way that puts a fire back in your belly and a fight in your spirit, it gives you the strength to hold on.

Some of you prayed and you fasted and you've cried and you've confessed the word and from every natural evidence (nothing has changed, and if the truth be known for many of you it's gotten worse).

But I came to tell you: Change is in the atmosphere, the rain is coming, restoration is coming, healing is coming, peace is coming, joy is coming,

I want to hear the sound of the Abundance of rain: I don't see any evidence, I don't see any sign, (but I want to hear it) tell your neighbor: The sound is the sign.

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

There is a sound: The word sound does not just mean noise or racket.

It means PROCLAMATION....***It a decree in the spirit realm.***

You have to pick this up in the spirit. This is the victory that over comes the world, even our faith.

Somebody's faith is going to another level tonight, (somebody who has been struggling through the wilderness of just enough and barely getting by is getting ready to go into overflow.

Some of the stuff that used to hinder you, and used to pull down, after this service they are not going to bother you anymore because you won't be living in that same neighborhood anymore.

I hear the sound of the abundance of rain: The rain is Gods power visiting your life in whatever area or areas are in drought, or in lack, or broken or empty.

The rain is God taking every plan, every plot and every scheme and every weapon that the devil has launched at you and turning it around for your good.

The simplest definition of all is just answered prayer.

You need to believe that God is going turn it around, God's going make it rain). Come on say it again: Gods going to make it rain.

The rain was on the way but there was work to be done: Ahab went to play and Elijah went to pray.

So if things seem to be stagnate around you and nothing seems to be moving (you better check your prayer temperature.

For every miracle, every breakthrough, every prodigal who comes home, every son or daughter who is delivered from drugs and perversion (Somebody has to pray)

Elijah got himself in the birth position (head between his knees) and began to labor in prayer for what he heard in the Spirit

He sent his servant out to look toward the sea for an answer) the sea represents the word of God; *you have to get your eyes on the word.*

His servant returns the answer: I'm looking but I don't see any evidence of an answer to your prayer.

But Elijah just keeps on praying, he sends his servant back to the sea and while the servant is running Elijah is praying.

You just have to keep on praying: When you have a word from God in your spirit you just have to keep on praying.

Daniel prayed for 20 days with no evidence whatsoever that God had heard him, but on the 21st day the breakthrough came, Michael the warring angel broke into the battle and Gabriel got the message through.

God will do whatever it takes to get it to you, if you don't quit!

Keep on praying, keep on praising, keep on confessing, keep on tithing and sowing and singing and dancing. Don't let the devil see you sweat.

Delay is not denial (Abraham was delayed 25 years but not denied)

Joseph was delayed 15 years but not denied. Lazarus was delayed for 4 days but not denied.

Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: (though it tarries) wait for it because it will surely come it will not tarry.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man that he should lie, nor the son of man that he should repent: if he said it he will do it and if he hath spoken it, he will bring it to pass.

Every time you pray you are putting pressure on the spirit realm and you are filling with expectancy the clouds that are bringing your blessings.

We don't pray because we feel like it, we don't pray just because it's the Christian thing to do, or because it sounds like a good idea.

We pray because we have an objective that can only be reached and can only be won and conquered through prayer.

Elijah is still praying: (head between his knees) prayer is serious business and hard work.

Somebody said one time: Many Christians pray with such Luke-warmness and indifference and uncertainty that they wouldn't even recognize the answer to their prayer when it came.

Elijah's servant has brought back another negative report: but Elijah keeps praying.

Go back to the sea look again (spend some more time in the word) then come tell me what you see.

On the 7th time the servant comes back with the report: Behold there arises a little cloud out of the sea.

In other word: There was a little word that came up to me.

A Rhema word: A specific word, for a specific purpose, for a specific time.

Tell your neighbor: All you need is a word. If you've got a word you can make it through the storm.

If you've got a word you can dance in the fiery furnace.

If you've got a word you can sleep like a baby in a den of lions.

If you've got a word you can beat the famine with a little meal and a little oil.

If you've got a word you can walk on water.

It was so small: Like a man's hand (It didn't look like much but Elijah's faith grabbed hold of it).

There's something about faith that lets you see the greatness in little things:

Faith can see: A weapon of mass destruction in the jawbone of an ass.

Faith can see: A meal for a multitude in a sack lunch.

Faith can see: An oil business in a room full of empty jars.

Faith can see: A king in a simple smelly shepherd boy.

The problem today is all people see is defeat we are not defeated!

The servant saw a little cloud but Elijah saw (A river filling, ground soaking, drought busting rainstorm)

I don't care how big the problem may seem to you, or how long it has existed: The promises of God come in concentrated form and one little word from God will set you free and will destroy that thing forever.

Jesus said: All it takes is faith like the size of a mustard seed and you can command mountains to jump into the sea and they will have to go.

We need some mountains to start shaking in here right now.

Your mountain needs to lose its hold on you.

Do you need some mountain moving faith right now?

We need a Drought Busting faith in the house

(I HEAR THE SOUND OF THE ABUNDANCE OF RAIN)

I tell you right now the drought can break and the rain is on the way:

Somebody listening to me right now (That drought in your finances can break, that long dry spell can be over in Jesus name).

Somebody else: Your spirit has been dry for so long, and you've felt so distant from the presence of God (That drought is breaking now, the wind is blowing and the rain of Gods supernatural presence is flooding your soul right now, Just open up and let it fall on you.

Somebody else: You've been fighting a long battle with your health, (It's raining, there's healing in the rain, receive your healing, receive your breakthrough)

Somebody: You've been going through a long dry place with your family, it seems like it just gets worse and worse, (you try to love them, you try to embrace them, but they just push you away and run harder)
It's time for that drought to break, it's time for it to rain on your family)
your husband, your wife, your children and even your grandchildren are going to get wet.

Come on and just lift your hands and tell God: Send the rain, tell him you want the rain.

Zec 10:1 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.

It's the time of Rain: The anointing is here, the rain is falling, yokes are being destroyed, and burdens are being lifted.
Joy is being restored, peace is being restored.

Elijah got off his knees and told Ahab: It's here, the rain is here, and if you don't get that chariot rolling you aren't getting off this mountain.

And while Elijah was prophesying the wind blew and the clouds turned black and the rain came.

Elijah heard it with his spirit. He prophesied it with his mouth. He saw it with his eyes.

I prophesy to you right now: Somebody is getting ready to see a manifestation of what you have heard God say in your spirit.

You've been confessing it and believing it and a lot of people thought you were crazy, but you're getting ready to see it) because the drought is over and the rain is here.

I wish I had some people in here who knew how to enjoy the rain: I wish I had some people in here who knew how to dance in the rain.

They used to sing a chorus all the time when I was growing up (Send down the rain Lord)

It said there's joy in the rain Lord

Healing in the rain Lord

Then it said: There's dancing in the rain Lord

There's freedom in the rain Lord

Somebody needs to lift your hands right now and begin to Praise him for that rain.

Praise him like a man in the desert who was dying for water and stumbled into an Oasis.

Praise him because the drought is over.