

Flourishing in the Rain I

Coming into the Season of the Latter Rain

How as we shine with His favor, our praise rises up to release the abundant rain that brings great harvest and overcomes impossible situations.

Flourish in the **rain** – **What** is rain a picture of - **God's favor, power** – **releases your inc and blessings**

Sometimes we go thru a **dry** spell – **no breaks** for months years – **stagnant Studies** – **rel - Ma** – **career** – **business**

Not seeing dreams being fulfilled

Enduring - Not flourishing blossoming

Easy – think – reach **limits** – thinking it is **as far** as you can go - settle with an average mundane life

Deut 11:14

I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. NKJV

God wants you flourish – **key: rain** in right season

- farmers know

Farmers understand this – you can do all you can – no rain – no harvest

Early and Latter – some harvest - **great harvest** – **how big**

How big – rain – in season

What kind of harvest

Zech 10:1

ASK for rain in the time of the latter (spring) rain. The Lord will bring a sudden rushing mighty wind, which usher in the abundant rain and cause every field become a lush pasture. JY

Why ask for rain in the season of rain?

Same word – peo – ask Egyptians – **bold**
Not: hey – don't feel **obli** - **OK** if you don't want

If at all **possible** – **spare me some** of your

How – to come into the season of Latter Rain

Why ask – hunger for **more** – man lamed for 38 yrs – John 5

I. Hunger for His presence and you shine with His Favor

Job 29:23

They longed for me as people long for rain. They drank my Words & opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain. 24 When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them. JY

Longing for His presence

Open to every **word and promises** – hunger for **more**

Open mouth – not **doze** off – drink richly

From the passage - how to thrive in the midst of problems?

What **happen?** – **thrive** in midst of prob - **when**

When – not **IF** – will be **situ** – **peo** try to rob you of your joy – make you down – discouraged

Impt – not look at negative – 10,000 – all habitual fault finders

How thrive? – **Long** for his presence: – shine with his favor – **some** – **dry** – not charged

Like a computer – no battery – need charging - shine

Even **opport** – come – **miss** – hibernate mood

Ezek 34:26

26 I will **cause** my **people** and their **homes** around **my holy hill** to be a blessing.

How does God cause his people and their homes to be blessed?

God wants - **You** be blessing – your **home** – key holy hill - **Calvary**

Last day ch – not on the peripheral – side line –

And I will send showers, showers of blessings, which will come just when they are needed.

Showers – not just ordinary rain

Isaiah 44:3-4

3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the **dry** ground: I will pour my spirit upon your **seed** and my blessing upon your offspring. JY

4 They will **thrive** like watered grass, like willows on a riverbank.

5 Some will proudly claim, 'I **belong** to the LORD.' Others will say, 'I am a descendant of Jacob.' Some will write the **LORD's** name on their hands and will take the honored name of Israel as their own. NLT

I. As you shine with His favor, your praise rises up bringing the abundant rain

In the nat – how **cloud** form?

– sun shine – water vapor rises – atmosphere – enough mass – that cloud too heavy – rain pour

Same way – **shine** with His favor - our praise – prayer – like **incense** – rises to the throne of grace – **umbrella**

– cannot **contain** it – overflow – crazy givers

Eph 5:18-20

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ NKJV

What – **filled** with Holy Spirit

Going around – looking **spiritual?** –

Like you are **dreaming**, trembling **vibrating** – **tinkling sensation**

Filled? - Praise – sing – make melody – heart

Thru out day – Not loud – under breath – humming melody of praise – along the way - wherever you go

Put on a good praise CD – good music

Pre tense – continuously - You don't have to be in **ch** to give God praise

– car – shower – hosp room – can be house of praise

Don't worry – wont be seen as **crazy** – Peo will think - Using cell phone

Ps 22:3

But You are holy, O You Who dwell in the praises of Israel. AMP

Praise help us **realise** – he is **present**

have all the **power** of the **uni** – **faith**

God **touched** by **tears** – not moved by tears – broken **heart** – hurts and pain

God is moved by **faith** – praise releases **faith**

Ps 126:5

5 Those who plant in tears - **will harvest** with **shouts of joy**. NLT

Bible full of **stories** – God's **releases** **faith** **thru** **praise** – **supernat** things happen – all **becos** – **shouts** of praise

Psa 149

Prison door open – enemies got **confused** – huge **walls** come tumbling down – all **becos** – shouts of praise

Jehoshaphat – 2 Chron 20 – surrounded by 3 armies – fast –

2 Chron 20:15-23

15 He said, "Listen, King Jehoshaphat! Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says:

15b Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 Tomorrow, march out against them. You will find them coming up through the ascent of Ziz at the end of the valley that opens into the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the LORD's victory.

He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid or discouraged. Go out there tomorrow, for the LORD is with you!"

18 Then King Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground. And all the people of Judah and Jerusalem did the same, worshiping the LORD. 19 Then the Levites from the clans of Kohath and Korah stood to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud shout.

20 Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way

Jehoshaphat said,

20 "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed."

Be **attentive** to prophetic messages - Don't sit – focus on - **evaluating** word preached

– disagree this that – let the **Word** evaluate – **change** your **paradigm** – obviously no **perf**

Obvious – no message **perf** – grammar – certain elements

Focus what **right** – not what wrong – focus – **prophet** element that change your life - **CHO**

Jehoshaphat – **attentive** – receive **rev** to deal - did most unusual – appointed **singers** walk ahead of army – praising God for

Season of depression – may be – God warning something – telling you something – or calling you to intercede – key: praise

21 After consulting the leaders of the people, the king appointed singers to walk ahead of the army, singing to the LORD and praising him for his holy splendor. This is what they sang: "Give thanks to the LORD; his faithful love (*hesed*: grace) endures forever!"

Context – prophetic leaders

Oh too much about **grace** – let me ask – do you complain too much of **victory**

22 At the moment they began to sing and give praise, the LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves. NLT

25 Jehoshaphat and his troops moved in to take the loot, and they found many cattle, supplies, clothing, and other valuable objects. They spent three days gathering the loot, but there was so much that they could not take everything.

26 On the fourth day they assembled in Beracah Valley and praised the LORD for all he had done. That is why the valley is called "Beracah." TEV

Valley of Blessings

Praise - God turn – **valley** of adversities → valley of blessing

Praise – allow **God** to **fight** – instead of you **fighting**

Not you trying to get **even** – or to **ans** every **acc**

REST - people can **say** all kinds of things - **Jesus**

Jesus: **know** something of God - **fruit** – not **words**

Passenger – in plane – abt to take off – intercom

– welcome to a totally automated flight – no pilot – completely controlled by the most advance computer – tested and retested – nothing to worry about – just sit back and enjoy the flight – enjoy the flight ...

You don't want in a **place** – months years later found – **wrong** place – key know – **fruit**

Let God do the fighting – even – ans acc – fruit shine

Karen tribe

Joshua trying to make it to promised land – **middle** of **path** huge wall

– obstacle – stood bet them and the promised land

Bet **you** and **destiny** – sometimes – walls – can't go **around** – **thru**

You - **defeat** it or

it is going to defeat you

March around 6 days – 7th time
– 7 times – 7th time – let out a shout of
praise

As shout – the impossible **happened** – wall
shake – fall apart by itself

Joshua 6:20

20 When the people heard the sound of the
horns, they shouted as loud as they could.
Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the
Israelites charged straight into the city from
every side and captured it. JY

Impt – know - right time to be quiet and
reverent — know right time to shout - **NOT**

Not shouting at wrong time – some peo clap
wrong time

When – shout of praise in right time – bring
amazing breakthru

If they have march around city silent –
nothing happen – days months years

Could it be - walls in your life not coming
down – becous – no shout

Some – more quiet – but you see some
most **dignified** – football – shouting and
screaming – cow skin ball

There is **time to be quiet** – when you listen
to the ram's horn

Today – what is the blowing of the ram's
horn?

In today's context, what is the
blowing of the ram's horn?

You are blowing the ram's horn– when you
proclaim Christ – in **HC**; **sing** songs
focusing on what he did – **share** the
Gospel

Shout of praise comes after the blowing of
the ram's horn

– shout powerful when we sing songs –
proclaim what Christ has done – long blast
when we take HC

Things happen – shouts of praise

Even after HC – shout – release faith

God already behind **scene** - already

arranging things in my favor

Causing you meet – right **peo** –

Opening new **door** – **deals** sealed

Walls breaking down – **hindrances**
removed-

Turning situ around

Somebody's **child** coming back home –
restored

That **bondage** broken – gracious hand