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“RAINDROPS”

by Carol Gordon

“You heavens above, rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it; I, the LORD, have created it”. (Isa 45:8 NIV)

Last month we considered the Fire of the Lord, and this month I want to share some things about rain that the Lord has placed in my heart. In Oklahoma, we are frequently praying about rain, because both too much and too little are frequent problems. We have had an amazingly cool, rainy season this summer. Usually we go into September very dry. This year everything is still green. We are thankful and also praying for our neighbors in South Texas and other places where there has not been enough rain.

Many Scriptures liken the Word of God to rain for the earth. **“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass. For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.” (Deut 32:1-4)**

Many of us are praying for an awakening to the LORD. We want to see Him acknowledged in all the earth. We want His Presence to be tangible and all the peoples of the earth to desire and experience Him. What we often do not realize is that this may not look like we think it will.

A couple of years ago, the movie FACING THE GIANTS came out. Many of you may have seen it. It is a wonderful story of redemption in a school setting with a football coach and his team. At one point an intercessor tells the coach that if a farmer really expects to receive rain, he prepares for it. This insight make a huge difference in the outcome of their season. This really impressed me and I asked the Lord to help me enlarge my faith to receive His promises.

Recently, Steve said at Heart Menders Laboratory of the Heart, that it was the balance of righteousness in the Nation that we were responsible for. I began to rejoice in every righteous act or event I heard about, and to recognize and be deliberately thankful for all the wonderful things the Lord is doing for me. I think this is one way to prepare my ground to receive the Lord’s rain of blessing.

Later, I saw that we are each responsible for doing our part to be good soil for the rain of righteousness. Jesus said to John the Baptist, that they should “fulfill all righteousness” by Jesus submitting to John’s baptism. Do we consider that every time we take the opportunity for a righteous act or response, we are adding to the righteousness of this nation, our community, and the Church? **“For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God” (Heb 6:7-8) “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.” (Matt 5:6)** If He is pouring out righteousness into us, filling us up, are we ground that will become saturated with Him?

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Our Lord came to fill us with Himself! "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full!" (John 15:11) Each of us have a part to play. We take responsibility for what we think about, what we say, and what we do to enlarge the store of righteousness in our sphere of influence. Let it be said that we imitate our Lord who gave this example, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." (Col 2:9)

With everyone whose life intersects ours, we are to represent Jesus. "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!" (Gal 5:14-15) If we fail to love, forgive, or give the needed grace, Jesus is not glorified. If we hold grudges or bitterness, or lash out in anger, we are contributing to the enemy's side of the scale. If this instruction is something we have chosen to ignore, then we are not responding to our Master command to love. Meditate on these instructions from the prayers of the Apostle Paul for the Believers: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height --19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.." (Eph 3:17-19) and "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God". (Phil 1:9-11)

We pray for the earth to be filled with His Glory as prophesied, "And let the whole earth be filled with His glory!" (Ps 72:19b). In the meantime, are we treasuring each raindrop of His grace? There will be no flood, or fullness, until all the land is saturated, the ponds are full, and the creeks and rivers are running bank high!

"Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains". (Ps 147:7-8)

(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)



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Where has the summer gone? August was exciting. We went to SWBC in Fort Worth. The same week, my daughter, Katherine, married Chip Rice, my favorite dentist, now son in love. They live in Eastland, Texas. I am giving them a party this month here.

I have hosted Felise Houser, Dr. Walter Mullican, Gerald Coury, and David Dunn on the HeartMenders.tv interview show. Another teaching on THE COPY MACHINE, (being made into His image) is posted as well.

I work with the OKLAHOMA FAMILY POLICY COUNCIL. One of their projects is the K.E.E.P. program in the public schools. It stands for KIDS EAGERLY ENDORSING PURITY. They have touched 60,000 young people with the message of Abstinence. They have lost their Federal funding. All of us need to do our part to help them. Their address is 3908 N. Peniel Ave, Bethany Bank Tower, Ste. 100, Bethany, OK 73008. Their web address is www.Okfamilypc.org.

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER! THERE WILL BE MANY CHALLENGES IN THE COMING WEEKS. KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON THE LORD AND INCREASE YOUR PRAYER LIFE - FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FAMILY AND THE BODY OF CHRIST! Pray for A GREAT AWAKENING and for His people to move ever closer to Him. I earnestly invite you to join any of our prayer teams, for HM Prayer Requests, HM Support Team, and Media Outreach. Be part of a prayer group where you live. Always include your home church and Heart Menders, as well

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Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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