

Title: Latter Rains, Divine Life

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Last week I brought a message about the latter rains and the spiritual, physical, and prophetic significance of those passages in the Bible. I want to branch off that word like a shoot rooted to the stump of Jesse.

Micah 4 ESV

I want to begin with a logic problem. We know that the Holy Spirit is God. If you desire to be a man of God, then you desire to be a man of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is God. If you desire to be a man of God. You are then desiring to be a man of His Spirit. If you are a woman who desires to be a woman of God and Holy Spirit is God, then you must desire to be a woman of the Holy Spirit. You cannot separate that from your call.

You must be filled with His Spirit, and you must be of His Spirit. You must be a man or a woman of Holy Spirit. He is the head. He is the Godhead. He is God. He is the Creative One. He is the Creator. We sang about how He “hovered over the waters.” He was there. He is the Word that brought forth the Son of Man. He is the Word that brought forth the miraculous Son of Man. He is God. We cannot just be a man who knows God. We have to be a man of the Holy Spirit. We cannot just be a woman who knows the Word, but a woman full of the Holy Spirit.

Micah 4:1-4

This passage was “copied and pasted” by the Holy Spirit before that could even happen. It was actually spoken of exactly verbatim to Isaiah, another prophet.

Isaiah 2:2-4

Micah 4:1-5

Micah got the exact same thing from the Holy Spirit and a little bit more. Since Micah 4 states, “For it shall come to pass in the latter days,” there is a latter rain. This will be physically fulfilled by Jesus in the latter days when He sets up His Kingdom, a natural kingdom with a supernatural people and a supernatural King. He will make Heaven and Earth finally one, and all the Earth will be filled with His glory. But, how does He do it? He does it by reigning in Jerusalem. This is called the millennial reign of Christ. He will establish His ways to nations far away, including our own. That is when the Earth will fully know the Prince of Peace, because they will put up their weapons of warfare and the learn His ways.

Brandy spoke on Wednesday saying, the Lord told us, “Let me teach you My ways.” This is where that is coming from. It is spiritually already a prophetic word for the latter days. There will be a people from all nations. We have seen it happening. It is the Church of God. It is the Body of Christ. There will be people of all nations that go to Mount Zion, the spiritual Mountain of God. We are seeking to know His ways. We want to know His righteousness. We have His righteousness.

We are clothed in it, but we seek to know His ways of righteousness. That means, “How would you do this? How would you say this? How would you fix this? How would you enact this? How would you judge this?” The way that Jesus laughs is the right way to laugh. The way that Jesus prays is the right way to pray. You would probably agree with me there. The way that Jesus judges cases is the right way to judge a case. The way that Jesus would be mayor of the city, is the right way to be the mayor of the city. You can say it in those terms, but it comes

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down to the practicals of knowing His righteousness in everything that He does. How He disciplines His children, how He loves His wife, how He is a father, is the right way to do these things. That is His righteousness. We go to His mountain, Mount Zion, in faith, to the Mountain of God.

Hebrews 12:22-24

We have already come. We are not waiting for this to be fulfilled in the spirit realm, because it has already been fulfilled in the spirit realm. We are waiting for this to be fulfilled in the flesh, in the same way that we are waiting for our physical bodies to be resurrected and made alive in the glorious body of Christ. We wait for that day. This is part of that wait in the flesh. But, in Hebrews it says, you have already come to Zion, to the city of the living God, and in an innumerable company of angels.

Because of a "blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel," Jesus's blood. His righteousness upon me allows me to go in, yet I am seeking a greater righteousness, a greater way. I am not settling for the ways that I know. I am settling for a better more pure way, the righteousness of God. "All peoples walk in the name of our God." I think we have sung that song. "For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord, our God, forever now."

We recently studied all the names of the Lord God, as a refuge and a fortress. When you have encounters with the name of God and who He is, you can walk in it. Revelations says, "He who overcomes, I will give Him a new name, written on a white stone that only He knows. It is the name that I give to you," Jesus says. He has named us after His own. He has named those who call upon His name, and said yes to Him. He redeems even those things about us. He redeems it. He redeems those people.

Haggai 2:6-9

This has been partially fulfilled. The Prince of Peace did step foot into this actual temple. The one that He is talking about is the one that they were building, the Second Temple of the Jews in Jerusalem. Jesus did step into it, and He did bring peace by His own body. But Jesus said, "I have built up the temple." He said, "I will raise this temple in three days." So, there is another temple, a third temple, and that temple is us. We are the dwelling of the Holy Spirit. We are the temple of the living God.

So, in the same way, "I will shake once more, the latter glory of this new temple will be greater than the former." Why not right now? Why not with you? Somebody's going to believe it. Somebody's going to do it. The Bride of Christ will be made ready. You have to decide whether you want to believe that or not. Somebody will *believe it*. He is looking for a people, young to old. Right? Abraham believed God and started his ministry at age 80. Moses start his ministry at age 80. Caleb got his reward for walking around forty years in the wilderness at age 80, saying, "I still have as much strength as when I started this."

One generation, and it is not just for the young ones. But, it is for the young ones, so you cannot dismiss them. They are a part of the fire of God, "On your young men and on your young women, I will pour out my Spirit says the Lord." Yet, "Your old men and women will have dreams and visions." One generation of that has been fulfilled, because Peter said that when the Holy Spirit came upon him, that it was the fulfillment of Joel. This is the fulfillment of Joel 2. But, there is a shaking that will bring the latter glory and it will be greater than the former glory. Do you believe?

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We have talked about how God does bless us in the physical with rain, actual rain. We apply this principle in our land all the time, because we have to have rain. The Great Plains rely upon the seasons of rain. We are not the Pacific Northwest.

Hosea 6:1-3

Then it changes in this passage to a spiritual sense, that has nothing to do with actual physical rain. The latter rain is a spiritual principle revealed here by Hosea. "He will come to us as a shower." We are talking about Jesus and the Holy Spirit coming to us as a latter rain. This can be applied in your life yearly. This can be applied in your seasons of life. That as He came before, He comes again. As you pour upon me at this time, you will come again to me. This can be applied in your family's journey, that you always know the Lord comes to us this day. This is a day that the Lord comes to us. This is a day that He always shows Himself to us. There should be these times in your life of remembrance of what God does, when He does it, and how He does it. When I see this sign or symbol, it reminds that God pours out His Spirit on me, and He will do it again.

There are also corporate times of spring rains and fall rains, of former rains and latter rains of a corporate house, and of a church over a city. The church of San Angelo, the church over Laodicea, or the church over Thyatira. There are corporate rains and outpourings of the Spirit. Then there are state and national outpourings. What are we believing for? Whatever He is asking us to pray, but we are believing for local, state, and national outpourings. That is why we are praying, and what we are praying about. That is why we are gathering in twos and threes. We are praying for another wave of latter rains. This is the focus and the vision of our prayers of twos and threes. Pray over the latter rain, the season of rains, for the outpouring of God, and the move of the Holy Spirit. That is what our House is doing. That is the prayer movement that we are doing right now.

This spiritual outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon your life is His breath. It is His oil. It is His hands of the Holy Spirit. It is the sevenfold Spirit of God. The life that you live is the divine life of the Spirit. We all have an individual spirit that God birthed. *Scripture* says that God is the Father of all spirits. We had died and needed regeneration, yet somehow we are living. It is a paradox. It does not make sense. How can your spirit be dead, not alive in Christ, and need regeneration yet, you are walking around alive? When somebody actually passes away, you know the spirit of that person leaves them.

So, there is this paradox. When the Holy Spirit regenerated you and you made Jesus Christ, Lord and Master, what you have to realize is that He did not just give you your life back. He put His own life in you. It is not that He just gave you your life back. Jesus says, now I am going to put my life in you and you are using my own life to live. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." I am not using His power to live. I am living only because of Him. I am alive only because His life is in me. "Jesus came to bring you life abundant," John 10:10.

Part of how the latter rain comes, is as a revelation of the divine life that you live in Christ Jesus. We often talk about when you have full revelation of Christ in you, the hope of glory, that you would step out of the soul realm and into the spiritual realm. That you would walk out of putting gates in front of the Spirit by your soul. Allowing Him to bust through certain gates of your soul, letting you live by the Spirit of His life. Does this makes sense? I can block the Holy Spirit with my soul, my mind, will, or emotion. Not allowing Him to infiltrate, influence, emphasize, or work in this section of my heart, mind, will, or emotions in my life. I put a gate there, or block it off. That is the soul realm, when you let Him "work there," but "not here."

The true revival, the true awakening, the true latter rain, is that the Holy Spirit bursts through all that. You have a revelation of "Christ in me, the hope of glory." I live not because of what I want

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to do, but because Christ has given me His own life. I live through His Spirit alone. That is the revelation of the latter rain of what He does and how He does it. It is “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”

II Corinthians 4:8-11

Hosea 6:1-3

Why do these two scriptures tie together, Hosea 6:1-3 and Isaiah 6:1-3? It says that when I press on to know the Lord, “Let us press on to know Him and to know His ways and He will come to me as the latter rains in the spring rains.” Did you get that? But, “I press on to know Him.”

Haggai 2:6-9

II Corinthians 4:8-9

Now here, we see how this believer in the faith, this apostle and leader of our faith is shaken. The shakings of God feel like this. The shakings of God do this to the soul. The shakings of God deliver your soul from these things. Why?

II Corinthians 4:10-12

We talked last week, that you may feel a shaking. Your state may be feeling a shaking spiritually, physically, or emotionally. I do not know. The point of it is to remind you that when a farmer sees the latter rains come, he knows there will be a lot of grain to bring in. That means it is time to get to work. Latter rains do not bring in the harvest, but instills in the heart of the farmer, “I am going to have a big yield. It is going to be worth my labor.”

So, when you are feeling and going through the shaking of the Lord, saying “I am distraught but not crushed. Persecuted but not forsaken.” That latter rain is coming, and you say, “I am going to get something here. I am going to receive a promise. The death of my soul on the cross of Jesus, is so that the life of Jesus manifests in my body.” It is a hard word.

II Corinthians 4:11

I think the New King James version says it differently. But, I love this, “for we who live are always been given over to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh.”

Romans 8:9-11

Galatians 2:20

We are talking about how the shaking of God on our soul, allows us to live more in Jesus's life. “I have been crucified with Christ.” We manifest the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus would reveal itself through us. It is not that I am borrowing the breath of God, so that I can have my spirit man live. It is I have given up. I have given up my soul. I have given up my spirit. I have given up my flesh, so that His own life would be in me. Praise God, He breathed in my spirit, and we have been connected back to *being* one. Lordship means that I surrender. Kingship means it is not my life, but *Him* who lives in me. I am doing what a good soldier does.

I John 5:20

Micah was prophesying, that “in the latter days, the mountain of God will be higher than all of the other mountains, and there will be many nations that come to know Him and to know His ways.” We know that the Son of God has come and given us understanding. Hosea said, “Let us know, let us pursue Him, because He will come to us as the spring and as the latter rain.” We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. We are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and He is eternal life.”

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You see, we are in Him who is true, and in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God. He is eternal life. He is the life, and now it makes sense, because Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." It is His own life within us. It is His very essence, His very Spirit taking over your spirit, and over your soul. Believing that, whether in this age or the age to come, His Spirit is going to overtake your flesh. That is your hope. That the Spirit of God will overtake this flesh that withers away. Then, I would have that Spirit of God in my spirit. The Spirit of God in my soul. The Spirit of God in my flesh that brings life to every part of my body. This is a little deeper than I normally go. But, it is true. Right?

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

What is being sanctified? That is the work that Jesus does by His Spirit, on your soul and on your flesh. That is the work that He is doing. He is working out your salvation. It says in Philippians, it is the sanctifying work of God, making holy what is unholy. Your spirit man has been made holy and righteous before God, but now He is working out all that is profane in the flesh. "Now may the God of peace, Himself, sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, and your whole soul, and your whole body become blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you to this is faithful and will surely do this." He speaks the truth. It is the divine life of Jesus that you live by. The Spirit of God is the divine life of Jesus, that the latter rain truly brings. The revelation and understanding that, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me."

Hebrews 7:21b

This is God talking to His son through King David. This is God talking about His son, Jesus, through King David, a prophet and seer, in the presence of God. He was seeing a vision and this is what he was prophesying about seeing. He sees God swearing to His son next to Him, that "you are a priest forever."

Hebrews 7:22-25

"This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant." The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office. But, Jesus holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

Hebrews 7:26-28

He offered Himself once on the cross. He has been made perfect forever. He is the guarantee, because He holds the office permanently. His blood is ever living, ever flowing, and ever moving through His veins right now. His blood is perfect.

Ephesians 5

You are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone, as it is compared to the husband and wife becoming one flesh. Paul says, "in the same way the church is flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. Where is blood created? Blood is created in the marrow of your bones. You are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones. That is why people say the blood of Jesus is in you. It is no longer my life, but it is His own life. That takes faith. It does not make sense. But, it is the truth for those who believe.

He is the guarantee of this better covenant, He is the One, He is the testator, who gives you this inheritance of life and life everlasting, and of eternal life forever. He takes you into that place, saying, "You can come through me, come through the sacrifice of my blood. Give it all away. If you can carry the death of Jesus over your soul and your flesh, you will manifest the life of His own Spirit. You say, "Well, who will minister that to me? Jesus, Himself, the High Priest of our faith. You cannot do it on your own. He puts His hands on you and does it,

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Himself. He says, "I have a baptism. How long until the Earth is kindled with the fire of My baptism." Amen.

Let's stand and pray. Holy Spirit, we thank you. I honor you, Lord. Your divine life is the hope of glory, Christ in me, and truly living by the Spirit. That we would be men and women of the Spirit and known as such. We know that is the shaking, God. We know that is the latter rain that we are asking for. Why not right now, when we are marked by the hand of the Holy Spirit? I thank you, Jesus. I ask for revelation. I ask for true understanding. I ask for the depths of the richness of it to be revealed to us. I ask for it to be a spiritual understanding to the depths of our spirit. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.