



# THE PROCLAIMER

## IS There A Drought In Your Life?

For several months we have been experiencing a terrible drought. Our entire summer season in the Southeast has been a time of record breaking heat and very little rain. Crops have died in the fields, lawns are brown and everything that should be green is brown. Life is not totally gone, but it waits for rain to show signs of life.

The ground in many places is breaking open because of dryness.

As I began to think about things going on in nature, my spirit began to compare it with world affairs and the hearts of people.

So much of the Church today is thirsty and dry for the Holy Spirit. Many are teaching words from the Bible, but without power. People come thirsty and leave thirsty. We must have water or like the land, we become dehydrated. We hunger for God's Word, but we thirst for His Holy Spirit.

The Word and Spirit must work together. Most believers know the Word of God, but they can't seem to walk in it because they are not led by the Holy Spirit.

In Ezekiel 37, the Word speaks of the

"valley of dry bones". In verse 5, the Lord God said to the bones, "Behold, I will cause breath and spirit to enter you and you shall live"

In Isaiah 44:3, God says, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed and my blessing upon thine offspring."

Water is required for life, physical and spiritual. Our bodies are made up of largely water!

God does everything in the natural before He does it in the Spirit. He has been pouring out His Spirit, but just like the land, in some places there has been no rain and others have had plenty.

Acts 2:16-18 and Joel 2:23 speaks of the former and latter rains. The former rain speaks of a planting rain and the latter rain speaks of a harvest rain. God is ready to harvest but the harvest is not ready!!

There are so many souls that have not yet been made ready for harvest and so many that are clinging



A dry and thirsty land.....

to life because they lack the Holy Spirit in their life. They have no power to survive in this heat of worldly influence.

Look around you and what do you see? Television has mostly sexual and occult programs. Unless you have satellite, you probably get very little Christian programming. Our flesh is being fed, but our Spirit man is thirsty, parched and dry. We must water our hearts by the Word of God or we spiritually die.

## Should We Pray for Rain or A Harvest?

Did you realize that Jesus never told us to pray for the harvest? We are waiting for harvest, but God's word tells us to pray for the rain which will bring the harvest. ("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, to every one, grass in the field." Zech. 10:1)

We can pray and Heaven can give spiritual rain and the earth will bring forth fruit. Prayer is what brings forth the rain... We ought to be praying for spiritual rain on a regular basis, for our city, our state, our nation and world.

The rain the Bible talks about is not literal rain; it refers to an outpouring of the Spirit of God. Hosea 6:3 says, "and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth."

The Lord said He would come to us like rain, which means He will pour out His Glory, His signs, and wonders and His very presence as rain. The rain is simply God manifesting Himself on this earth!

This rain has taken place in many parts of the world,

including America. However, like the drought on places, some people are very dry and dying because they lack the latter rain for the crop of souls and spiritual harvest..

We are Holy Ghost vessels that the Lord is using to get the job done. The latter rain will cause swelling rivers to flow with the power and anointing of God and His Glory. Is your vessel seaworthy? Are you full of holes and cracks or will you be able to flow with the current of that river. Will you be able to handle the mission the Spirit of God sends you on? Have you emptied your vessel of all excess equipment, so it doesn't hinder the move and flow of the Spirit.? Is there anything you're holding on to that will keep you from what God is doing through you and where He is taking you to?. Are you ready for the deep anointing? Can your vessel swim the rivers or will you sink?

The rains of the Spirit are coming, even to the dry places!! The rivers of the Spirit will swell and God is saying, "prepare your vessels for the waves of my Glory. The currents are moving. You will need to flow with them or get taken under."



If you are thirsty and dry and need a fresh infilling of God's Spirit, then all you need do is pray for the rain of the Holy Spirit in your life. It will come! It will bring new life and refresh that which you already have. Areas of your life that have gone dry will suddenly come alive again and you will produce the fruit that the Lord desires in your life.

God wants to bring His rain into the dry places. He wants the harvest to become ripe. Let's begin to pray for rain, not only in our lives, but the lives of our families, our friends and co-workers, our leaders, and our nation. As this begins to happen, and it will, we are going to see miracles that will make the book of Acts look small compared to the outpouring of miracles and the worldwide harvest that is coming!

God is ready to send the rains. Get ready! You have a choice. You must choose to pray for the rain, then the harvest, and answers to prayers you have longed to see come to pass, will suddenly be answered as the rain falls again!

## A House of Decisions—Prayers Needed



Blackhawk over Iraq at the dawn of a new day

### PRAYER

- The greatest and most powerful weapon given to man
- The very key to enter the presence of God
- Words that give the angels the authority to carry out assignments.
- Speaking our world into existence by the Scriptures the Lord has given us

As we are all aware of, great decisions are being made at the White House that will affect every household across America and some abroad.

Great conflict and disagreements over life-altering changes are in the balance. It is not a matter of who is right and who is wrong in these matters, but what does the Lord want us as a nation to do.

Our nation is at a crossroads now and our direction depends on decisions that are made now.

We can voice our opinions and bicker and complain but it will not change the events one way or the other.

The major priority this moment is to begin praying, as never before, for those in authority and high ranking places. Pray they hear the voice of the Lord and heed it before plans are finalized that might affect this nation or our people.

One thing that is very

close to my heart is the military buildup. I don't know what is right for this country because I haven't heard all the information or I don't know all the facts. My heart as a grandmother says, "get our troops out". One of my grandsons has returned from Iraq and he may be going back and another grandson (his brother) will be sent. I don't want to see them leave, but only God knows and I am daily putting it in His hands. Our troops need our constant prayers, as does our President, Congress, Senate and all the leaders of our great country.

If we want a voice in the decisions being made, we have one. It is the greatest and most powerful weapon that changes things.....It is PRAYER!!!!

Please also keep in prayer the decisions over Israel. God never intended for that country to be divided. We must pray for the leaders involved in the decisions over that country because it will also affect our country in many ways.

Decisions that are made in the coming days will be critical to our future as a nation.

We must also keep the upcoming elections in our prayers. There are so many choices and yet we need to ask the Lord who is His choice. Who will stand for Christian principles? Who will pray and seek the Lord's advise when making decisions for our country?

There is so much that we need to seek the Lord's guidance on now. So much is at stake and so much depends on our **PRAYERS!**

James 5:16,"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Matthew 18:19, "Again I say to you that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven

**PLEASE PRAY!**



While in the mountains last fall, I traveled on the Parkway for several miles. As I proceeded up the mountain the colors were spectacular and literally breathtaking. The car climbed higher and the colors appeared to fade somewhat, but were still pretty. Still higher many of the leaves had fallen off, revealing the bare and broken limbs. Yet, down in the distance you could still see the beautiful colors that had once been on these bare branches. I sensed the Lord was trying to show me a lesson from His creation, as He many times does.



To the natural eye our lives appear to be all pretty and colorful, but the more vulnerable we become to the worldly elements, the more the bareness and brokenness show through. As I continued even higher up the mountains, fog began to cover the terrain and even the road ahead. I could see nothing below, yet I knew all the things I had seen moments before were still there. Sometimes, sin covers our lives so that our real self cannot show through, not even the brokenness nor the beauty that is hidden within. We all go through stages in life in one way or the other. The higher we go with God, the more we are exposed. Nothing is hidden. The hurts and sin are still there, but God sees through the fog and bare limbs to the beauty below that He created in us. All the talents and hidden gifts the enemy has so tried to keep us from knowing about, or moving in, are there and God is waiting for us to climb higher to reach up from the hurts and reach through the fog of sin in our lives. Sometimes, it's things we haven't forgiven ourselves of and He doesn't see them, because He has long ago forgiven and forgotten them. We have become satisfied where we are because we have bought the lie that we don't have anything to offer to anyone.

You have hidden beauty and talents. Ask God to reveal to you what they are and how to use them to glorify His kingdom. Begin to see what the Word says you are and what God has created you to be. Believe in faith and begin to act as if it is so.

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## *Touch of the Master's Hand*



The Lord is always able to take an empty, bare canvas and make a masterpiece of it. He is able to do the same with each of us.

As a painter sketches out his work and begins to add the color, it doesn't appear to be much. Oh, but the painter, all along, has the idea in his mind of what he wants to create. The longer he works on it and the more he works with the colors, the more beautiful it becomes. It begins to take shape and you can tell what he meant it to be. Then, as he adds the finishing touches, it is truly a work of art created

by the master painter.

So it is with our lives. It's only until we turn the canvas over to the Master, that He can begin to paint a work of art. At first, just like the mountain, the artwork is hidden from the natural eye, and it appears fragmented and just a bunch of brushstrokes. However, the longer it stays in the Master's hands, the more beautiful it becomes and finally, it is the work He desired it to become from the beginning.

The top of that mountain may

appear bare and broken for now, but after a time the trees will blossom with color again and their leaves will again be green with life.

Your life may be bare and broken now, or someone you know, but life and new meaning comes always when we spend time in the Master's hand.

All of the broken parts are mended and the color and meaning to life is restored. The brushstrokes of the Master's brush creates in you the masterpiece you were meant to be.