

Hebrews 6.7-8

Sending the Rain

The sovereign right of God to send what rain He chooses is undeniable. Not only in the physical realm but in the spiritual realm as well. He sends what He will for the purpose that He has determined before He created anything. There is no part of our lives that is not under the hand of Providence, and no part of our lives that does not owe Him everything! But often, we impose our judgment on the will, word and works of God so that we actually begin to believe that we have the wisdom, strength and right to decide if what God does is good and right or not... We, as the people of God must learn to position ourselves in submission to the sovereignty of God in ALL His ways and understand that we do not have the ability nor the right to pass judgment on God. Nor on His ways... for His ways are past all our understanding

Romans 11:33–36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 “For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?” 35 “Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?” 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

The natural man is incapable of seeing truth, the born again man can see only because God has opened his eyes and given him light and understanding. Actually given him the mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:13–16 (NKJV)

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

With this in mind we must learn to adjust our thinking about the will of God, His truth, His word and His absolute right to do whatever He pleases with that which is His own... and that beloved, is EVERYTHING!!

I. GOD SENDS THE RAIN

a. Common graces - every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of Lights –

James 1.16-18

- i. Physical rain and sun and beauty
 - ii. The majesty of His creation
 - iii. Natural abilities and talents
 - iv. Favorable circumstances
 - v. Protections that keep us
 - vi. The greatest common grace, the ministry of the Word
- b. Where, when and how He will –

Deuteronomy 11.13-17

c. Unto whom He will –

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

II. THE RESULTS ARE GOD'S

a. They are always successful

Isaiah 55.10-11

b. Unto all

i. To show His nature –

Deuteronomy 32.1-4

ii. To display His attributes –

iii. To teach us wisdom and righteousness. –

Malachi 2:7 (NKJV)7 “For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

iv. To glorify His name –

Psalm 115:1 (NKJV)1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

v. To display the perfection of His eternal plan

Ephesians 3.8-12

c.To the elect

i. To effectually call the elect unto Himself –

Psalm 65:4 (NKJV) 4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

ii. To make them alive –

Psalm 110:3 (NKJV)3 Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

iii. To impart faith unto them –

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

iv. To ease their troubles and comfort their souls –

Jeremiah 31:25 (NKJV)25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.”

d. To the rest

i. To leave them guilty –

Romans 3.19-20

ii. To harden their hearts –

Isaiah 63:17 (NKJV) 17 O LORD, why have You made us stray from Your ways, And hardened our heart from Your fear? Return for Your servants' sake, The tribes of Your inheritance.

Romans 9.15-18

iii. To display the perversity of their love –

John 12.35-43

iv. To show His wrath –

III. The Duty of the called

a. Preach the word –

2 Timothy 4.1-5

- i. Diligently
- ii. Watchfully

- iii. Carefully
- iv. Truthfully
- v. Constantly
- vi. Systematically –

Isaiah 28.9-10

- vii. Regardless of the result –

Isaiah 28.11-13

- b. Be Mindful of the desperate need for truth that is all around us,

Acts 20.17-37

- c. remember what we are about –

- d. Carry the word always –

- i. Publicly, the preaching of the Word is the central thing we do. We are a people of the book.

- ii. Privately, in every house the word is to be taught, to be discussed, to be loved and to be honored.
- iii. Entirely - there is truth and supply for all our needs in ALL the scripture, the WHOLE counsel of God is to be declared -
- iv. With purpose
 - 1. Warning
 - 2. Admonition
 - 3. Stirring up affection
 - 4. Warning of danger
- e. Regardless of any circumstance