

# *The All-Powerful Word of God*

## Part 3: Dew From Heaven

### *Key Scripture*

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth,  
And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;  
So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me empty.  
Without accomplishing what I desire.  
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. "*  
Isaiah 55: 10-11 (NASB77)

### *Portions for the Journey*

Beloved, have you found your heart hungering for the Word of God in a new way as you have begun to meditate upon these Scriptures related to the Word? Can you say, along with Jeremiah, *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. "* Jer 15: 16 (KJV) Do you feel your faith is growing as you choose to seek Him in His word with all your heart? Today we are going to look at verses concerning His Word with the purpose of letting the LORD more fully show us the power and purpose of His Word in our life. As we study these verses, we must believe that the Words which He has spoken to us are Spirit and are Life! (John 6:63)

### *Digging Deeper in the Word*

The Lord often uses analogies to help us understand the principles that He is seeking to convey. An analogy is a comparison between two things typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification. So He provides us with a word picture of something that we know, or have experienced so we can better understand a spiritual principle which would otherwise be beyond our comprehension. As we meditate on these word pictures, we will be able to understand spiritual truths in a much deeper way.

Look up these verses and write down what the Word is compared to and then write a sentence or two of the insight this analogy gives you to the Word of God. I have done our Key Scripture as an example for you.

- **Rain and Snow** Rain and Snow: Rain and snow are predictable and certain. Rain and snow both come down from the heavens, providing life giving moisture. As the ground receives it and soaks in the moisture, it brings forth life. It allows seed which has been planted to sprout and grow. Without the rain and snow giving this moisture, nothing would live. So God's Word provides living water to give spiritual life to all who receive it. Wow, it never returns void ... just as rain NEVER comes down without giving water to the earth, so God's Word will accomplish the purposes for which He sent it!! Isa. 55:10-11; Job 29:22-23
- **Dew (see Biblical Meditation Example for notes)** Deut. 32:1-2 is a prayer asking that one's teaching would drop like rain from heaven, from dew on fresh grass. Like rain, dew comes to earth from heaven untouched by man, not dependent on the will or wisdom of

man. It comes in such tiny droplets it can fall upon the most tender new grass in just the perfect amount.

- **The word of God is like seed** that grows within us and brings forth fruit. 2 Cor 9:10-11 (NASB); Col 1:5-6; Isa 55:10-11; Luke 8:4-15; 1 Pet. 1:23-25
- **A Fire** Jer 5:14, 23-29; 23:29 (KJV); Luke 24:13-47
- **A Hammer** that has the power to shatter rock. Jer 23:29 (KJV); Eccles. 12:11
- **Living Water** Ps. 1:1-3; Jer 17:7-8; Eph 5:26; Heb 10:22; Jer. 17:3; John 4:10;
- **The Word of God nourishes and sustains our strength.** Just as food is necessary for our physical life, the Word is necessary to the sustenance of our spirit. It is likened to food in many places in the Bible: Jeremiah 15:16; Job 23:12
- **Grain vs. Straw** Jer 3:28
- **Bread of Life** John 6:31-35 (KJV); Jer 15:16; Luke 4:4 (KJV)
- **Honey** Deut. 8:8; 1 Sam. 14:29; Ps. 81:16; Ex. 3:8, 13:5; Ps. 19:10;
- **Meat** 1 Cor. 3:12
- **Milk** The Promised Land was a land flowing with milk and honey, symbolic of rich spiritual nourishment and fruit. **Heb. 5:12-14**
- **Manna** The Lord provided manna for Israel for 40 years while they were in the wilderness. He gave them specific directions to gather only as much as needed for one day at a time, and that on the day before the Sabbath they were to gather enough for two days. If they gathered too much it was inedible on the second day. Ex. 16:15; 31; Deut. 8:3; Ps. 78:24; John 6:31,49,58
- **Light** 2 Peter 1:19-21; Ps 119:105, 130
- **A Mirror** James 1:23-25
- **An Anchor** Heb. 6:18,19
- **Treasure such as silver and gold** Ps. 12:6; Prov. 2:1-5

## A God of Wonders

"But as for me, I would seek God,  
And I would place my cause before God;  
Who does great and unsearchable things,  
Wonders without number.  
He gives rain on the earth,  
And sends water on the fields.  
Job 5:8-10

In his book, "Taste and See: Savoring the Supremacy of God in all of Life," John Piper drew my attention to something I had missed in my previous readings of this verse in Job. Eliphaz, the writer of this passage, lifts up God, describing Him as one who does great and unsearchable things... "wonders without number." Do you consider it odd that his first example is something that we all not only all experience often, but also frequently complain about? ... rain?

Did you ever think of rain as a great and unsearchable wonder? I try to be grateful for the rain, having lived through times of drought, and come to realize it as a gift of God, but I never thought of rain as "a wonder." John Piper shared some facts about rain that have totally changed my understanding of this "wonder" of the LORD's creation.

For Job and his friends to have experienced this wonder, water would have to be carried in the sky from the Mediterranean Sea several hundred miles away and then poured out on fields from the sky. How does this happen? It would not just be for the uneducated mind to wonder at this phenomena. The more one knows about the process, the more amazing it truly is!

John Piper says, "...if one inch of rain falls on one square mile of farmland during the night, that would be 2,323,200 cubic feet of water, which is 17,377,536 gallons, which is 144,735,360 pounds of water." That is just the amount of water on *one square mile*!! I learned about evaporation and condensation in school, but I never really think about how incredible this process truly is. How does it work? John Piper described the process, "water starts becoming water again by gathering around little dust particles between .00001 and .0001 centimeters wide...the salt is taken out. So the sky picks up millions of pounds of water from the sea, takes out the salt, carries the water for three hundred miles, and then dumps it (now turned into water) on the farm. If it just dumped millions of pounds of water on the farm, the wheat would be crushed. So the sky dribbles the millions of pounds of water down in little drops. And they have to be big enough to fall for one mile or so from the sky without evaporating, and small enough to keep from crushing the wheat stalks." It does this through coalescence, which means that "specks of water start bumping into each other and join up and get bigger, and when they are big enough, they fall." It really is one of God's wonders, isn't it? Our God truly does all things well!!