

Daily Devotion For January 28, 2021

“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.” Isaiah 44:3-4 (NIV).

Do you like the rain? As I write this, the rain is pouring down. I've looked out the window for sightings of cats and dogs, but I've only seen raindrops!

We tend to not like rain very much. It gets in the way of our outdoor plans for activities and entertainment. It can ruin our hair and get our shoes and clothes soaked. How many people do you know that when they look out the window on a rainy day and say, “what a great day!”

But that's exactly what God's people in the Old Testament did. When you're living in the desert or suffering through a drought, a rainy day is a good day. In the Bible, rain is often used as a metaphor for blessing. The Bible talks about blessings raining down on us. Perhaps there's a connection between the way we tend to respond to rain and the way we tend to respond to blessing. Someone once said, “all sunshine makes a desert.”

God blesses us in surprising ways, ways that don't always seem like blessing. He sends the rain of difficulty, trials and testings, not because he doesn't love us, but because he does, and he's calling us to find new and deeper hope in him.

Thought For Today: How about looking out your window and thanking God for the rain and asking him to give you eyes to see the blessings he'll rain down on you because he loves you. May God rain his blessings on you until you are sopping wet!

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for the rain He sends to grow and mature us. Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente