

“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. God gives rain on the earth, And sends water on the fields.” Job 5:8-10

Let it rain! I love a nice rainstorm. We woke up on Tuesday morning to a nice light rain. We need the rain! I don't like the fact that there is no sunshine, but we need rain! The farmers need the rain for crops. We need rain to help prevent forest fires. We need rain for healthy drinking water. Come on God... we need rain! It feels like the earth is just waiting to dry up. The trees want their buds to burst; the grass wants to pop with lush green color, and all the spring plants are trying hard to push through the dry dirt.

The Bible promises that God would never flood the earth again, but maybe God needs to re-think the idea of how much rain we should be getting. Times have changed since those early biblical days... rain is a necessity even if it is for long periods of time! We still have that promise of the rainbow... so we shall not fear.

Out of curiosity, I researched how much rain would it take to re-fill Lake Mead. I found that we would need 3.5 trillion gallons of rain water to re-fill our lake to normal settings. This amount of rain will raise the lake 2/10s of an inch, according to Water Authority spokesman J.C. Davis. This would take forty days and forty nights of this rain, or maybe more. How cool is that! Irony.

Lake Mead's water levels are rapidly declining due to the drought. The reservoir—which stretches across Nevada and Arizona, on the Colorado River—is relied upon by 25 million people living in the region. It's formed by the Hoover Dam, which generates electricity for the surrounding communities.

Last summer, the lake's water levels hit a new low at 1,040 feet—this was the lowest since its construction in the 1930s. We need LOTS of rain! If one inch of rain falls on one square mile of farmland during the night, that would be 27,878,400 cubic feet of water, which is 206,300,160 gallons, which is 1,650,501,280 pounds of water. That's a lot of water... but growing crops takes a huge amount of water too!

In our Bible quote for the week, Job is not joking. "God does great and unsearchable things, wonders without number." He gives rain on the earth." In Job's mind, rain really is one of the great, unsearchable wonders that God does.

Just as rain brings needed moisture and nutrients for the environment, God's blessings give us what we need to thrive. Not only that, but God wants us to feel absolutely drenched with God's goodness. God's desire for us is to be constantly refreshed, growing, fruitful, and healthy.

God showers us with all blessings! Thank you for the rain today... even though I might have to turn on my desk "day lamp" for that boost of vitamin D we all need.

Peace be to you all!

Pastor Tony