

Showers of Blessings

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Sunday. SOURCE. When Jesus returned to the Father, he ascended into the sky and a cloud received him out of sight. Showers, coming from the sky, often symbolize the source of blessings—heaven; because “*every good gift and every perfect gift comes from above--from the Father.*” (Read Mark 16:19; Acts 1:1-11; James 1:17.)

Monday. ABUNDANCE. Showers symbolize proper amount, abundance, and lasting effect. God does not storm us with blessings, and he doesn’t give us mere sprinklings. Dew, though it pictures gentleness, passes with day comes. “*There will be showers of blessings.*”

Tuesday. CONSTRUCTIVENESS. Blessings comfort and aid the ones they come to. A cloudburst may wash the ground and break down the stalks of ripening grain. A shower softens the dirt for easy growing, brightens the scenery for greater beauty, and waters the plants of the field and the trees of the orchards to grow and produce their fruits. (Read Ezekiel 34:26-27.)

Wednesday. UNIVERSALITY. When showers come, they fall on every blade of grass in the pasture, not just on certain ones. Even so, God’s “*sun rises on the evil and on the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust.*” These examples from nature illustrate to us that God gives many blessings to everyone, whether they’re obedient or not. (Read Zechariah 10:1; Matthew 5:48.)

Thursday. CONCERN. People need food, drink, and clothing, which all depend on the rain showered down from above. Since God chooses to send the rain, he shows his concern for everybody. (Read 1 Peter 5:7; Matthew 6:26, 30-33.)

Friday. EFFECRTIVENESS. Showers accomplish what they are sent to do; they don’t return to the atmosphere without making the ground “*bring forth and bud*” or without “*giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater.*” God’s blessings do not return to him void, but prosper in the service he sent them to perform. (Read Isaiah 55:10-11.)

Saturday. EVIDENCE. One value of the blessings we experience is the additional evidence they give of God’s existence, his greatness, and his goodness. They give reason for being grateful to him. Showers of blessings make everyone everywhere without an excuse for rejecting or perverting the commandments he gave to guide us to present happiness on earth and eternal blessedness in heaven. (Read 19:1; Acts 14:17; Romans 1:20-23).

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