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RAIN AND THE LATTER RAIN!

By Patrick Jones



MATH CHALLENGE

An inch of rain is not uncommon to get in a good rainstorm. A rainstorm may cover large surface areas. The last storm we had covered practically all the eastern United States! But let us consider one small area—a square mile. How much water falls from the sky over one square mile in an inch of rain?

I challenge you to do the math. First find the volume of one inch by one mile by one mile, then convert it into gallons. Finally multiply each gallon by 8.33 lbs.—that's how much a gallon of water weighs.

The answer, we will see at the end of this article, is almost unbelievable! But hopefully we will believe it. We must.

WHERE DOES RAIN COME FROM?

“There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.” Psalm 46:4.

“Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full

of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.” Psalm 65:9-12.

“The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand.” Deut. 28:12.

“He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion. **When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens,** and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain.” Jeremiah 10:12,13.

“Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these *things*.” Jeremiah 14:22.

“Seek him that ...calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.” Amos 5:8.

The rain we take for granted comes from God! He sends the rain on the just and on the unjust. Mt. 5:45.
Rain is a spiritual event!

NO RAIN BRINGS FAMINE, THIRST

In these last days, Jesus asks, “When the Son of man cometh, **shall he find faith on the earth?**” Luke 18:8. Where does faith come from? **“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”** Romans 10:17. Truly, we are living in the last days where there is little faith in the Word of God.

To live we need bread and water. Jesus is the Word, the living Bread, that comes down from heaven. The Holy Spirit, in the Word, is the living Water that comes down from heaven. He came down in the Early Rain. Without faith in the Word there is little faith, no spiritual nourishment, no Bread, no Water. **Truly, we are living in a time of famine and thirst already.**

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, **not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:** And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.” Amos 8:11,12

“In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” John 7:37-39.

THE NEXT BIG EVENT IS NOT THE SECOND COMING

The next great event in the history of the church is not Christ’s Second Coming. It is not the seven last plagues. Before these events happen, we must receive **the Latter Rain.**

WHY NO LATTER RAIN?

The book of Jeremiah, which is a repeat of Deuteronomy, tells plainly why there is no rain.

“They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man’s, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. **Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore’s forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.**” Jeremiah 3:1-3.

“But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, **that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season:** he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. **Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.**” Jeremiah 5:23-25.

It is us, you, me, that haven’t received the latter

rain. We must repent of every sin—both corporate and individual.

CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING LATTER

RAIN

We see the conditions for receiving rain spelled out to us in Deut. 11:13-15: “And it shall come to pass, **IF ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain,** that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. **Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;** And *then* the LORD’s wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.”

We need to beware of setting up in our hearts false theological concepts of the Godhead and of the Nature of Christ that are not Biblical. There are corporate sins and individuals sins we must separate from. Are there individual idols in our lives? What about our words and thoughts?

“I also saw that many do not realize what they must be in order to live in the sight of the Lord without a high priest in the sanctuary through the time of trouble. Those who receive the seal of the living God and are protected in the time of trouble must reflect the image of Jesus fully.

“I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of ‘refreshing’ and the ‘latter rain’ to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! **They had neglected the needful preparation; therefore they could not receive the refresh-ing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God.** Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the whole truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no time then to do it and no Mediator to plead their cause before the Father. Before this time the awfully solemn declaration has gone forth, ‘He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.’ **I saw that none could share the ‘refreshing’ unless they**

obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. Let all remember that God is holy and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence.” *Early Writings, 71.*

“Many have in a great measure failed to receive the former rain. They have not obtained all the benefits that God has thus provided for them. They expect that the lack will be supplied by the latter rain. When the richest abundance of grace shall be bestowed, they intend to open their hearts to receive it. They are making a terrible mistake. The work that God has begun in the human heart in giving His light and knowledge must be continually going forward. Every individual must realize his own necessity. **The heart must be emptied of every defilement and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now.** Then the human agent had only to ask for the blessing, and wait for the Lord to perfect the work concerning him. It is God who began the work, and He will finish His work, making man complete in Jesus Christ. But there must be no neglect of the grace represented by the former rain. **Only those who are living up to the light they have will receive greater light.**” *Testimonies to Ministers, 507.*

Are we waiting for the latter rain? No, Christ is waiting for us. I believe Christ through the Holy Spirit in latter rain power is knocking on the door of our hearts. “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: **if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**” Rev. 3:20.

WHAT MUST WE DO?

“**Turn you at my reproof:** behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” Proverbs 1:23.

We must not only return to the Lord, but we must follow Him: “**Come, and let us return unto the LORD:** for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. **Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.**” Hosea 6:1-3.

WE MUST ALSO ASK

“**Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain;** so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” Zech. 10:1.

We must pray for the Holy Spirit. “**‘Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain.’** Do not rest satisfied that in the ordinary course of the season, rain will fall. Ask for it. The growth and perfection of the seed rests not with the husbandman. God alone can ripen the harvest. But man’s co-operation is required. God’s work for us demands the action of our mind, the exercise of our faith. We must seek His favors with the whole heart if the showers of grace are to come to us. We should improve every opportunity of placing ourselves in the channel of blessing. Christ has said, ‘Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst.’ **The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God’s appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.**

“But let none think that in attending these gatherings, their duty is done. A mere attendance upon all the meetings that are held will not in itself bring a blessing to the soul. It is not an immutable law that all who attend general gatherings or local meetings shall receive large supplies from heaven. The circumstances may seem to be favorable for a rich outpouring of the showers of grace. But God Himself must command the rain to fall. **Therefore we should not be remiss in supplication.** We are not to trust to the ordinary working of providence. We must pray that God will unseal the fountain of the water of life. And we must ourselves receive of the living water. Let us, with contrite hearts, pray most earnestly that now, in the time of the latter rain, the showers of grace may fall upon us. **At every meeting we attend our prayers should ascend, that at this very time God will impart warmth and moisture to our souls. As we seek God for the Holy Spirit, it will work in us meekness, humbleness of mind, a conscious dependence upon God for the perfecting latter rain. If we pray for the blessing in faith, we shall receive it as God has promised.** TM 508

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: **how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**” Luke 11:13.

RAIN—A SPIRITUAL EVENT

How much water falls from the sky over one square mile in an inch of rain? The answer is **17,378,743 gallons of water!**

How much does an inch of rain over one square mile weigh? Again, unbelievable. Almost **145 million**

MEETING OUR SISTER CHURCHES

Mountain Valley Fellowship of SDA believers Report By Molly Collins

In November of 2006 the National Sunday Law book was bulk mailed to two zip codes in the Hot Springs Village and surrounding area, and we are praising the Lord for the results that have come in thus far. Marie in Pr. Jan's office was excited about the response that they had from one man in the Village who ordered a lot more of the NSL books, and we have had twenty four requests for the Great Controversy (under another title), and 10 of these have requested Bible guides. These sets are on order, and we plan to send out two lessons at a time, hoping that we will get the answer sheet returned to us, so we can continue the contact.

Hot Springs village is a gated, guarded community, actually a city with about 12,000 inhabitants, several golf courses and lakes within it's boundaries, and of course many are retirees. We are not able to go door to door, so we are praying that the Lord will open up the hearts and the doors, as they need to have the message brought to them too.

At this time, we have one non-SDA from HSV regularly attending each Sabbath as his health allows. He has many questions, and was

disappointed last Sabbath that we were not able to get through the whole S.S. lesson study because he wanted to ask about the 144,000 that was in the latter part of the lesson. We hope to address that in a service time perhaps. We need a full time Bible worker to be able to sit down with these inquirers and systematically study these great truths of Daniel and Revelation, as well as all that is involved with the Three Angels' Messages. The harvest is ripe ready to be harvested, but where are the workers?

Dr. Pandit is able to share a little as he sees patients, but there needs to be close follow-up to keep the seed watered and germinating. Sometimes Dorothy has to interrupt, and let him know that there are other patients waiting their turn to be seen!

We covet your prayers, that soon there will be a worker to help us, and also that there will be an established church in this area.

God bless you all.

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pounds of water! (That's just in one square mile, in 10 square miles, you'll have 1.45 billion pounds of water!)

How much energy is released when the water falls gently out of the sky?

644 billion joules of energy. (Someone tell us what that means.) It is reported that the energy in an average thunderstorm is equivalent to **one 20 kiloton nuclear warhead.**

One teacher, after calculating the amount of energy in the rainfall over a typical home in Wisconsin, summarized: "I hope that it is at last clear that the quantity of energy transported through the water cycle is **gargantuan.** Consider how many households a single storm can rain upon and thus the **inconceivable quantity of energy** which has been removed from the region of the Gulf of Mexico to later be released in the region of Wisconsin near your home."

Truly, the falling of rain is a miracle. Think of 145 million pounds falling on your head next time it rains. How does God do it? He breaks up the weight into millions of little drops of refreshing liquid water. We hardly notice the miracle. But now you know. Next time it rains, you can know it is a miracle from God. We can worship the Lord, Who gives us the gentle rain, and the gentle spiritual rain of the Holy Spirit. May each of us be ready to receive the Latter Rain.

Truly, "Every good gift and every perfect gift **is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights,** with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17

"**My doctrine shall drop as the rain,** my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass." Deut. 32:2.



WITNESSING

In September we finished our second fair, which was in Perry, Oklahoma. Carl and Francesca Spillman along with my family operated the booth for the three days. We had about 9 people enroll for our free books and I believe three sign ups for Bible studies. Carl and Francesca will handle delivering the books and talking with the Bible study interests.

We gave away a great quantity of literature, especially material on the family and also quite a few "How to Quit Smoking" Booklets. Because of the great response we had for literature on the family we have decided next year to make the theme of our booth on the family. We are also discussing with our church family on bringing to our church a special guest speaker and having a seminar on family relations and inviting the community. Parents and spouses see their need of a change in their family connections but I don't believe they understand the simple solutions necessary for having a happy home.

I have just started going door to door to the cities of our county with a little track I have put together on the mark of the beast and the seal of God. Inside the track there will be a card offering bible studies. I am also planning to go door to door with the Desire of Ages and visit with the people that we have given out other literature to in the past.

I have spoken with Jon about being baptized and joining God's remnant church. He wants to become a member of our church but he wants to gain victory in a certain area of his life before partaking of this important decision in his life. Please continue to pray for him.

Another one of my bible students that would like to be baptized but he has a couple of habits he needs to surrender to Jesus for victory. He has been sober now for about a month. Please continue to pray for him as well.

In November my family and I went door to door for about a week, collecting nonperishable food items for our food baskets. This is about our fourth or fifth year in partaking of this great privilege. We finished up our collecting by having our church members help us fore one day. This year's response was much better than last year.

I then went to some of the local businesses in town and collected money to pay for the perishable items in the food baskets. Such things as fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other necessary items. All the food was supplied by the community except for about ten dollars worth which came out of our community services fund.

Carl and Francesca took three food baskets to some of their bible study interests where they live. We gave one to the family next door to our church. Larry, the man of the house has had some physical ailments and has just finished recovering from a surgery. We have been helping this family off and on because of their need, as well as to show the community we are interested in them personally.

We gave away nine food baskets to needy families. There is enough food in each basket to last them for a few weeks.

Thanks again for your support of the Lord's work in Oklahoma.

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MASC Financial Report

Cost of June 2006

MASC Camp Meeting

Advertising	\$256.62
(printing and postage)	
Insurance	\$200.00
Other Expenses	\$400.00
Campers lodging & food	\$4817.00
(paid for by the campers)	
Speakers Expenses	\$6677.43
(travel and lodging)	
TOTAL =	\$12,351.05

Campmeeting funds

Speakers Exp. Bal.	\$3158.57
Campmeeting Exp. Bal.	\$ 503.86

Bugle Expenses Fund

Previous Balance	\$ 39.62
Received in 2nd Quarter	\$ 39.88
Total	\$ 79.50
Expense (April Bugle)	\$- 37.00
Balance:	\$ 42.50

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Bugle fund.

Operating Expenses fund

Used for website costs and other operating expenses as needed.

Previous Balance	\$ 205.95
Received in 4th Quarter	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 265.95
Expenses (Web site maint)	\$- 161.08
Balance:	\$ 164.87

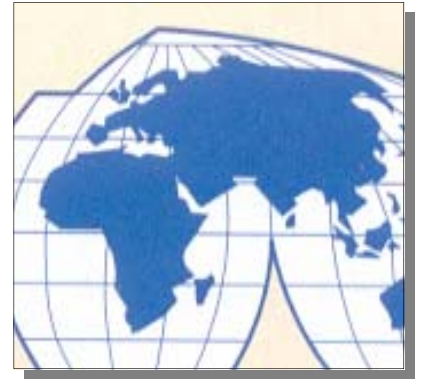
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Behold Your God

Green Pastures School—India Report



Dear Brethren and Sisters,

Just in hand is the latest e-mail letter from Sister Anita Tharasingh, the principal of the Green Pastures School, and she has been spelling out to us some of their plans for the new year, and quite a listing of the needs, some of them urgent. The best way is to just tell it all in her own words, so here we go.

"To tell you the truth, we cannot live any place else other than at Green Pastures. We've grown to love the peaceful surroundings which are so soothing and refreshing. The Lord is very near to us here. [This was written after they had been to the bustling and noisy city of Bangalore as they took their daughter Ayesha to the plane. They did not sleep much for the two nights they were there!]

"It is very cold here in the mornings and the sun sets quite late. So, the children are happy to romp around in their gardens. Well, I need to tell you what has been happening here: First of all we have two young men, committed to giving the Three Angels' Messages, and called by our Lord Himself to serve Him here at Green Pastures.

"Secondly, we are planning to go with the small [elementary] school up to 6th grade [instead of 10]. Then we either absorb them into the academy and Missionary Medical College or let them go free.

"Thirdly, the students will be required to pay a subsidized fee so we can grow and develop. Our current balance leaves us with little room for development and growth.

"Our need right now is for furniture (tables, chairs, desks, and bunk-beds also dining room benches), for the school and college class rooms and dorms on both properties, as we plan to have the college students housed, fed, and taught on the big property. We need staff quarters on the big property built above the dorm building, and funds for this as well as for

agricultural equipment.

"Also, the roof over the dining room on the small property is leaking very badly. We plan to put tiles down for all the buildings in order to stop the soaking up of rain water during the monsoons. Even our little abode is leaking and water has seeped so much that it has become moldy. Now that the rainy season is over we need to attend to these repairs, before the summer monsoons begin in May/June. A small wood shed is needed on the big property to cook food over the wood stove. The watchman's shed near the gate on the small property is nearly collapsing, and it would be a tragedy if the boys were sleeping at the time. We need to totally demolish and build it stronger so that it takes the stormy weather and rains.

"Regarding the syllabus (for the college etc.) I will write another letter to all of you."

Well, this is quite an undertaking that they have planned for this year, and we are praying that the Lord will supply their needs. We are grateful, and praise the Lord for the funds that have come in to help keep things going there, but as you have read, the needs are more than just for maintenance, but for growth, and the training of young men to learn some kind of industry as they learn how to be medical missionaries to their people. One of the industries they plan to have is a coconut oil extraction plant.

Please continue to keep Bro. and Sister Tharasingh in your prayers.

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Letter To The Editor

I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed reading the latest edition of the Bugle. Keep up the good work. It was good to hear how Tim and Anita are getting on in India, and we pray that God will continue to sustain and guide them. The pieces from Bonni and Sunni were very touching. These sisters have the possibility of being mighty workers in the finishing of God's last work in the world. It was also good to hear of the Lord's intervention in the school in Ghana that the Bankheads have been supporting. Bro Dalrymple's testimony was also good.

May God bless all those upholding the torch of truth in America.
Your brother,
Gordon

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