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NO DROUGHT

It has been particularly dry in Florida this spring. We need rain. Other parts of the country have been deluged with flooding. These are definitely signs of the times.

When things are dry physically and spiritually, often we become very discouraged and depressed. We wonder what we have done wrong to have the “rain of God” held back. I believe that in most cases we haven’t done anything wrong. It is just the enemy trying to “steal, kill, and destroy” everything that we have. Yet in spite of the hard times, there are promises that we can stand on and be relentless in pressing into them and receive if we meet the conditions.

In Psalm 1: 1-4 there is a lesson about drought. It says, ***“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”***

This verse shows us that there are three conditions to be blessed. The first is to not to take counsel or advice from those that are ungodly. This literally means to not go to the world to get your answers.

The second is to not stand or make allegiance with sinful persons. We cannot stand for sin and stand for God. We make the choice. How do we know what God stands for? The only way to know is to read his word, the Bible. It gives specifics for any life situation if you read and study it.

The third is to not sit in the seat of the scornful. This kind of person is always finding fault with everything. They mock the things of God, always full of rebuke and scorn towards those that pursue God. They cause those that hang out with them to become like them. We are to avoid that kind of person.

Verse 2 says, ***“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”*** This literally means that the blessed person is someone that reflects on the Word of God throughout the day, and when they rise up and when they go to sleep. Studying the word is a priority to them. They look at it as if it were food and can’t get enough of it.

Then comes the promise if the three conditions are met. Verse 3 it tells us what will happen if they do what it says in verses 1 and 2, ***“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”***

We see the conditions to receive this blessing. Now it is up to us to adhere to them, so we never are in a “drought” condition. God gives the conditional promise, and we receive them by being obedient.

Imagine no drought. Your roots are planted deep in God like a tree by a river, always being nourished. Imagine everything you grow will bring forth fruit every season of the year. This can be physical fruit, but it is also the fruit of all you put your hand to. Imagine that all that you do prospers. With these kinds of blessings, we can bless others. These are our promises IF we meet the conditions. If we haven’t met the conditions, it is not too late to repent and start doing them and then expect to be “well-watered” with no drought in your life!