

Pastoral Notes

'Let it Rain'- 1 Kings 18:1, 41-44.

We are in the season of Advent (Latin- 'coming') and this past Sunday we lit the candle of Hope. Faith is the substance of things "hoped" for, so hope is a critical element of our Christian faith.

With the exception, perhaps of some farmers and a few homeowners, not many people are desirous to see rain. Somehow, we thought that when God causes his sun

droughts that can be physical, financial or emotional. It results in dry prayers and stale praise. God's remedy is 'Let it Rain' so dryness and barrenness can be healed.

Don't let life become so full you have no time for Jesus and you become dry spiritually. When spiritual droughts come, so too does your enemy, the adversary to deceive you asking 'where is your Jesus'. You let him know, Jesus is where he's always been, on the throne and yet, by your side.

Key Sermonic Points:

1. *God is aware of your drought*
2. *Droughts are seasonal not eternal*
3. *In due time God will rain down blessings from heaven*

to shine on the evil and good it means that good things happen to bad people. When we read God sends his rain on the just and unjust, we thought it meant God allows bad things to happen to good people. In reality, **God's sun and rain are both blessings to people who need them.**

Our text was about a drought brought on by God to get the attention of the people of Israel. Elijah was the messenger to bring the bad news of drought and the good news of a coming rain. **People today experience**

God has declared, decreed and decided that your drought is about to end. All **you must do is ask the Lord to "Let it Rain"** blessings, joy, goodness. Hold onto your faith by holding onto your hope. Pray for a rainstorm to bring you out of your drought. **Get an umbrella, find your poncho and boots, because soon and very soon, it's gonna rain.**

The full message is available on our website:

Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- Droughts are common to man. Rain is common to God. Pray to the Lord to Let it Rain.
- Don't become conditioned or complacent concerning your drought. Pray earnestly and fervently for Rain.
- Like New Edition, God wants to know 'can you stand the rain'. Are you ready for your blessing?
- Speak to your drought and declare it's season is over. It's a new time and a new season.
- God sends his rain on the just, the unjust, and the CUBS.
- Look for a small cloud first because God can take a little and turn it into much.