



Prayer Focus

January 2–8, 2023

He Will Come Like the Rain

“He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth” (Hosea 6:3 NKJV).

I was soaking in the Lord’s presence this afternoon when I became aware of the rain pattering upon the courtyard outside. As I listened, the Holy Spirit dropped this sentence into my spirit: “*He will come like the rain.*” I had planned to write a different word after I finished soaking, but the statement began to reverberate in my spirit and I realized it was what the Lord Jesus wants His body to hear in the first week of 2023.

Although these are the final hours of the last day of 2022, we in Los Angeles are receiving the showers we’ve prayed for and waited for all year. It’s a reminder that the Lord *will* come to us, as He has promised, even though it might seem late or last minute to us.

It’s significant that the Lord says He will come *like the rain*. Physical rain refreshes and waters the earth, purifying the air and causing vegetation to grow. The outpouring of the Spirit will do the same in the spiritual, so let’s keep contending for this.

The words the Holy Spirit dropped into my spirit follow the call that opens Hosea 6: “*Come, and let us return to the LORD*” (v. 1). As we know, returning to the Lord, aka repentance, paves the way for revival. Let’s pray that many will turn (or return) to the Lord in 2023.

Please take a few moments to sing “Rain” over your life, your city, and any people group the Lord has laid on your heart. The song is part prayer and part decree, so please do both as the Spirit leads. I wish each of you a refreshing and fruitful year ahead.

<https://youtu.be/AaTOcRsaUpk>

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