



The Need for Water in a Dry Season

Isaiah 5:6

“And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.”

I. THE FIRST MENTIONED PRINCIPLE IN THE BIBLE

- a. MINISTERS ALLOWED TO PREACH, BUT WITHOUT POWER
- b. ORDINANCES CELEBRATED BUT WITHOUT THE ANOINTING
- c. ASSEMBLIES GATHERED, BUT THE LORD IS NOT IN THE MIDST
- d. THE WORD READ, BUT WITH NO APPLICATION TO THE HEART
- e. FORMATILY OF PRAYER, BUT NO PRAISE TO GOD
- f. THE HOLY GHOST RESTRAINED, AND GRIEVED

THE CLOUDS ORDAINED TO PRODUCE RAIN ARE COMMANDED NOT TO DO SO

II. WHAT IT INVOLVES

- a. NO CONVERSIONS
- b. NO RESTORATIONS OF BACKSLIDERS
- c. NO SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES
- d. NO REFRESHING
- e. NO JOYS DELIGHTS, TRIUMPHS SHOUTS



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III. HOW IT WILL MANIFEST ITSELF

- a. THE SOUL EXPERIENCES NO BENEFIT
- b. THE MAN FEELS GLUTTED AND WEARY
- c. HE BEGINS TO CRITICIZE
- d. SOON HE NEGLECTS
- e. HE HEARS AND PERVERTS (boasting, ridicule, controversy, ill-living)

IV. HOW IT CAN BE PREVENTED

- a. CONFESS OUR ILL-DESERT
- b. ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEPENDENCE UPON THE SHOWERS
- c. PRAY UNTIL THE RAIN COMES
- d. LOOK TO JESUS AND GO TO MT. CAMEL
- e. VALUE THE LEAST SIGN OF RAIN, GRACE, BLESSING
- f. KEEP AN UMBRELLA NEARBY