

Former and Latter Rain

Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. **—James 5:7**

In the east they had the early rain to start the grain. They could not tell anything about the harvest until they received the latter rain. If it came abundantly there would be a good harvest.

The apostle says to us, “Wait for the latter rain; be ye also patient unto the coming of the Lord.” When the latter rain is falling we know the coming of the Lord is near. We are getting the early rain, and will get the latter rain before long. He is getting the bride ready.

The apostle is speaking to the church. If any one is sick among you, don't run for the doctor or send him to the hospital, but let the sick ones send for the elders. The elders were supposed to be men endued with the Holy Ghost, who would come and pray over him, anointing him with oil, and he should be raised up. If he had sinned in any way, he must confess it, and through prayer, be forgiven.

Some people say this is spiritual healing. They are blind because they want to be. Anointing with oil is a symbol of the anointing with the Holy Ghost. A barrel of oil would not heal. But if you are anointing with faith and obedience, you will get the blessing.

It is the healing virtue of Jesus and the power of God. After the disease is cast out, the healing power of Jesus comes in. The prayer of faith shall save the sick. The power of God cleanses the soul, and the sick one is raised up, both soul and body.

Rain of God, fall on me, that my dryness might be

flooded and Your power might cleanse
me soul and body. Amen.