

The Voice

White Mountain Bible Church

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Showers of Blessing

As I write this article, I am sitting on the front porch enjoying the first big rain of what will hopefully be a very wet monsoon season on our beloved mountain. Listening to the pouring rain that is creating a little river in my apartment complex, I am ever so thankful for the moisture that our drought-ridden, parched community so desperately needs. Thank you, our Father, for sending this gift of rain!

Monsoons have always been a significant part of my life. I grew up in Tucson, where the monsoon rains often caused flooding and filled up the riverbeds that were dry and dusty for the bulk of the year. In our home, we celebrated the monsoons. My little brother Donny and I loved to go out and run in the street during the rainstorms (as long as there was no lightning). And without fail, during every rainstorm I would hear my sweet mama singing “There Shall be Showers of Blessing.” Even today, long after my precious mom was promoted to Heaven, every time it rains I can still hear Mom’s beautiful soprano lifting her heart in praise. These are the words from the last 2 verses (Verse 5 has been omitted from most hymnals):

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

V.4 There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall.

Now as to God we’re confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!

V.5 There shall be showers of blessing, If we but trust and obey.

There shall be seasons refreshing, If we let God have His way.

Chorus: Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.



This hymn was written in 1883 by Major Daniel Webster Whittle, under the pseudonym El Nathan. Country music fans may recognize it from Willie Nelson’s 1980 album “Family Bible.” Daniel Webster Whittle was said to have taken his inspiration for this song directly from Scripture:

“Ezekiel 34:26: I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.”

This song isn’t talking about actual rain showers, but showers of an even greater kind. Showers of blessing! The song was sung as a sort of collective prayer, celebrating and giving thanks for God’s faithfulness, while also crying out for renewal and restoration. What a beautiful picture God has sent us through these monsoon rains, and the poignant words of this beloved old hymn. As believers, we sometimes go through “dry spells” in our walk with the Lord. (Continued on P.2)

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Physical illness, financial duress, family struggles, and uncertainty about the future can settle into our hearts and cause discouragement or even despair. Just as so many of us have prayed for rain during this season, so should we pray for God to rain blessings down in our physical and spiritual lives.

We have so many blessings that we often take for granted. Did you wake up this morning? **Blessing**. Are you reading this email on a computer or cell phone? **Blessing**. Have you eaten today? **Blessing**. Do you have health insurance and good medical care? **Blessing**. Have you seen a gorgeous sunrise lately? **Blessing**. Do you have a faithful spouse? **Blessing**. Do you have children or grandchildren to cherish? **Blessing**. Even wayward ones? **Blessing**. Do you have a Bible? **Blessing**. Can you read it? **Blessing**. Do you attend a church that preaches the gospel? **Blessing**. Are you able to sing and worship God openly? **Blessing**. Do you have a friend who encourages you in your walk with the Lord? **Blessing**. And the biggest blessing of all...do you have a Savior who loves you enough to go to the cross for your sins? **BLESSING!!**

When our hearts are heavy and burdened with the cares of this world, it is easy to overlook God's blessings. As we enjoy the beauty of this monsoon season, and as we thank God for sending rain to quench our dry forests, let us remember to thank God for the showers of blessing He so generously pours into our hearts and lives.

By Laurie Rask

Women's Summer Luncheon

- July 25th
- 10:30 am
- Just \$10!

THIS Sunday, July 19th, will be the **LAST** Sunday to purchase tickets for our Luncheon. There are only a few spots remaining. Don't miss out! Purchase your tickets during Connection Hour.



Please join us as our ladies share their personal testimonies of God's goodness, grace, and continued mercies.



Church Family

Meeting

**Sunday, July 26th,
4:00 pm**

We will join together in Worship, Scripture reading, and have the opportunity for baptisms.

We will also have a brief church update from the Elders.

This is going to be a sweet time of fellowship, and we are asking that all church members make every effort to attend. Nursery care will be provided.