

Weather Warning Signs:-

The best known weather forecast saying is probably “sky red at night, shepherd’s delight; sky red in the morning, shepherd’s warning”. As someone who has spent most of their life living and working in the countryside I have picked up some old weather lore as well as making some of my own observations. These have helped over the years to often give a more accurate daily forecast than the national weather stations. Long term forecasting has been and still is far more difficult.

There are a number of weather observations mentioned in the Bible. The Lord Jesus quoted the one above and commented on the weather brought by the different wind directions in the Holy Land of His day – see Matthew chapter 16, verses 2 – 3 and Luke chapter 12, verses 54 – 55. However, His emphasis was not on the ability to predict the changing weather but on “*the signs of the times*”. His very presence meant that there was the opportunity to recognise Him as the Christ and that the Kingdom of God was a present reality – see Luke chapter 17, verse 21.

And today? We not only need rain to supply our physical needs. We need spiritual water – the water of life; promised by the Lord Jesus to all who believe and accept Him as Saviour and Lord. See the Gospel of John chapter 7, verses 37 – 39.

1
*There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.*

chorus
*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

3
*There shall be showers of blessing;
Send them upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing;
Come, and now honor Thy Word.*

chorus
*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

2
*There shall be showers of blessing—
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.*

chorus
*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

4
*There shall be showers of blessing;
O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we’re confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call!*

chorus
*Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

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