



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Leviticus 26	Title:	The seasonal rains!
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Summary of Chapter	Leviticus 26 begins with a quick recap: I am the LORD! Observe the Sabbath, and do not make idols for yourselves. It then goes on to speak of the blessing that will accompany obedience (3-13) and the disasters that will result from disobedience (14-39). We are free to choose, but Leviticus 26 reminds us that every choice carries a consequence. Our decisions determine our destiny. We reap what we sow. As Christians, we have decided to follow Jesus. We desire to be more like Jesus. We study, trust and obey God's words. In doing so, we are sowing good seeds on good soil.		

Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

<p><i>³If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my command,</i></p> <p><i>⁴I will send you the seasonal rains. The land will then yield its crops, and the trees of the field will produce their fruit.</i></p>	<p>In a modern society, it is easy to take rain (and water) for granted. At the turn of a tap, we get clean drinking water. But in an agricultural society, farmers are dependent on the rain... to come at the right time and in the right quantity. The bible also talks about early rains and late rains. The early rains are gentle; they come just after the seeds have been sown on the ground. Early rains are vital for the seeds to germinate and grow! Then, there are the late rains, which come before the harvesting season. They are vital for the grains to mature and ripen! In short, the farmers are wholly dependent on God to send them rains in their season!</p> <p>Let me show you some seeds... saga, rubber... Each seed has the potential to grow into a mature plant and yield plentiful harvest. I take sermon notes, read and study the bible study, and memorize and meditate on verses. These are all very good! But you know what? I am reminded from v.4 that seeds need moisture to sprout. Lately, I have been anxious over certain uncertainties at my workplace due to restructuring. Reciting scriptures and prayers only bring temporal peace.... until one day, the Holy Spirit brought to life a seed that I have sowed (but have forgotten). "No good things will he withhold from me"... to me, that was the rhema word; it was the gentle rain from God... I felt complete peace and am now truly rested.</p> <p>Some of us have been Christians, or even leaders & ministers for a long time. We have made our choice to obey God, but somehow we feel tired, jaded, worn out! We need to be soaked in the late shower of God to revive us, to refresh us, to rejuvenate us!</p>
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Worship God in truth and in spirit today. Pray for torrential rains, for an outpouring of his Holy Spirit so that we will be soaked and drenched in His holy presence.
Youth:	Pray for God's grace; for his gentle rain to soften your heart so that the word of God may sprout and grow in your lives.
Child:	Plant a seed, water it, and see it sprout and grow. Just like a plant will need lots of water, sunlight and care, we also need to "feed" ourselves daily by reading God's Word in order to grow spiritually.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Heavenly Father, we have made our choice to follow you. We pray for your shower of blessings! Come Holy Spirit, rain on us. We want to be drenched... we want to be soaked in your shower of blessings. We need your anointing! In Jesus name, Amen.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.