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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature which provides answers to the questions posed and then we recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE -- The Latter Rain and Us

Deuteronomy 11:13-14. *And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

- To receive both the former and latter rain complete love and obedience to God is required.

Meaning of Former and Letter Rain Symbols

In the East, the former rain falls at the sowing time. It is necessary in order that the seed may germinate. Under the influence of the fertilizing showers, the tender shoot springs up. The latter rain, falling near the close of the season, ripens the grain and prepares it for the sickle.

He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain. Joel 2:23. The Lord employs these operations of nature to represent the work of the Holy Spirit. As the dew and the rain are given first to cause the seed to germinate, and then to ripen the harvest, so the Holy Spirit is given to carry forward, from one stage to another, the process of spiritual growth. **TM 506**

Joel's Prophecy of the Latter Rain to be Fulfilled Again

The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. **GC 611, 612**

The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was the former rain and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant. **8T 21**

We are living in a time when He will bestow His Spirit and great light will be reflected in all parts of the world. **4BC 1175**

Individual Member Seeks and Receives, then Others Receive

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. Zechariah 10:1 When churches are revived, it is because some individual seeks earnestly for the blessing of God. He hungers and thirsts after God, and he goes to work in earnest and souls are roused to seek a like blessing. **ChS 122 (Christian Service) RH 3/13/1888**

Plead for the Holy Spirit

My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise He has made. With your Bibles in your hands say: I have done as thou hast said, I present thy promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you." **8T 23.**

Prepare for the Holy Spirit by Confession of Sin

Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19

When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come. With subdued, contrite hearts, confess and put away sin, and in faith claim the promise. **1SM 124**

We need not worry about the latter rain; all we have to do is to keep the vessel clean and prepared and right side up, for the reception of the heavenly rain and keep praying, "Let the latter rain come into my vessel let me be co-laborer with Jesus Christ. **1MR 179**

The Spirit of God will be poured out upon the church just as soon as the vessels are prepared for it. **KH 330**

Unity Essential to receiving the Latter Rain

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, pray and remove every hindrance to His working. The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Evil surmising, and evil speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Before the prophecy can be fulfilled, the children must put away suspicion. Hear must beat in unison with heart. The words are ringing in my ears, Draw together, draw together. The solemn sacred truth for this time is to unify the people of God. The desire for preeminence must die. One subject of emulation must swallow up all others – who will most nearly resemble Christ in character? The Lord longs to pour out His Holy Spirit in rich measure, and He bids us clear the way by self-renunciation. **6T 42, 43**

Healthful Living Feature – Baby Health Care

Diet During Pregnancy

The idea that women, because of their special condition [pregnancy] may let the appetite run riot, is a mistake based on custom, but not on sound sense. The food should be nutritious, but should not be of an exciting quality. **2T 382, 283, 284**

Diet Habits Learned by Infant in Mother's Arms

The importance of training children to right dietetic habits can hardly be overestimated. The little ones need to learn that they eat to live, not live to eat. The training should begin with the infant in the mother's arms. The child should be given food only at regular intervals, and less frequently as it grows older. **CD 229, 230**

The first important lesson for children to learn is the proper denial of appetite. **2SM 437**

Mother's Milk Best

The best food for the infant is the food that nature provides. Of this it should not be needlessly deprived. It is a heartless thing for a mother, for the sake of convenience or social enjoyment, to seek to free herself from the tender office of nursing her little one. Mothers sometimes depend upon a nursing bottle substituted for the maternal breast. And one of the most delicate and gratifying duties a mother can perform for her dependent offspring, which blends her life with its own, and which awakens the most holy feelings in the hearts of women, is sacrificed to fashion's murderous folly. **CD 226**

Many mothers substitute the bottle for the breast. This is necessary because they have not nourishment for their children. But in nine cases out of ten their wrong habits of dressing, and of eating from their youth, have brought upon them the inability to perform the duties nature designed they should. **CD 227**

Infant's Health Affected by Mother's Disposition

The infant also will be affected by the condition of the mother's mind. If she is unhappy, easily agitated, irritable, giving vent to outbursts of passion, the nourishment the infant receives from the mother will be inflamed, often producing colic, spasms and in some instances, causing convulsions. **CD 228**

Questions

- 1 What is represented by the former and latter rain in the Bible?
Answer: The former rain represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the Gospel Age and the Latter rain represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the end of the Gospel Age.
- 2 What is necessary for you and I to receive either the former or later rain?
Answer: Complete love and obedience to God is necessary for us to receive either the former or latter rain.
- 3 How can an individual bring about revival in the church?
Answer: If an individual earnestly seeks the blessings of God and hungers and thirsts after righteousness and goes to work in earnest he/she can arouse others in the church to seek a similar blessing and thus bring about a revival in the church.
- 4 How is the way prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?
Answer: The way is prepared when with contrite hearts we confess and put away sin, keep the vessel clean, keep praying and in faith claim the promise then and only then can the Holy Spirit be poured out.
- 5 What prevents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?
Answer: When variance, disunity, bitterness, evil surmising and evil speaking are cherished in our hearts or in the church, this effectively prevents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- 6 What dietary habits should be instilled in infants by the mother?
Answer: While in the mother's arms little ones should be taught that they eat to live and not live to eat. They should be given food only at regular intervals and less frequently as they grow older.
- 7 How can a mother's disposition affect an infant?
Answer: If a mother is unhappy, easily agitated, irritable and given to outbursts of passion, the nourishment the infant receives will be inflamed often producing colic, spasms and even convulsions.

Take Away Tips

- Always remember that complete obedience, love of God, confession and repentance of sin is required for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- The Latter Rain is meant both for individuals and the church, thus proper preparation must always be made for its reception.
- The latter rain can never be poured out where there is disunity, variance, conflict or evil speaking in the individual or the church.
- A mother's disposition is crucial to the health of her child.