



# Rain in Gilboa

*where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth  
Psalm 121:1-2*




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# Gilboa, WV







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**1 Samuel 28:4 (KJV) — 4** And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem [a few miles distant at the foot of Mount Gilboa]: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

**1 Samuel 31:1 (KJV)** — 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

**1 Samuel 31:8 (KJV) — 8** And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

**2 Samuel 1:17–19 (KJV)** — 17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: 18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of Jasher.) 19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

**2 Samuel 1:20–21 (KJV)** — 20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 *Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings:* for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

I am instructed to say to my fellow-workers, If you would have the rich treasures of heaven, you must hold secret communion with God. Unless you do this, your soul will be as destitute of the Holy Spirit as were the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. (*Gospel Workers*, p. 272.1)

Caviling and criticism leave the soul  
as devoid of the dew of grace as the  
hills of Gilboa were destitute of rain.

*(Life Sketches, p. 325.1)*



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There are many flippant talkers of Bible truth, whose souls are as barren of the Spirit of God as were the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. But what we need is *men who are thoroughly converted* themselves and can teach others how to give their hearts to God. The power of godliness has almost ceased to be in our churches. And why is this? The Lord is still waiting to be gracious; He has not closed the windows of heaven. We have separated ourselves from Him. We need to fix *the eye of faith upon the cross and believe that Jesus is our strength, our salvation.* (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 166.3)

It was on this plain [Jezreel] that Gideon, with three hundred men, had put to flight the hosts of Midian. But the spirit that inspired Israel's deliverer was widely different from that which now stirred the heart of the king [Saul]. Gideon went forth *strong in faith in the mighty God of Jacob*; but Saul felt himself to be alone and defenseless, because God had forsaken him. As he looked abroad upon the Philistine host, "he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled." (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 675.1)

Brethren, shall we not all of us leave our loads there? and when we leave this meeting, may it be with the truth burning in our souls like fire shut up in our bones. You will meet with those who will say, “You are too much excited over this matter. You are too much in earnest. You should not be reaching for the righteousness of Christ, and making so much of that. You should preach the law.” As a people, we have preached the law until we are as dry as the hills of Gilboa that had neither dew nor rain. We must preach Christ in the law, and there will be sap and nourishment in the preaching that will be as food to the famishing flock of God. . . .

We must not *trust* in our own merits at all, but *in the merits of Jesus of Nazareth*. Our eyes must be anointed with eye-salve. We must draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to us, if we come in his own appointed way.

O that you may go forth as the disciples did after the day of Pentecost, and then your testimony will have a living ring, and souls will be converted to God. (*The*

*Review and Herald*, March 11, 1890, par. 13)

**Joel 2:23 (KJV) —** 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

- Hold secret communion with God. We must draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to us,
- Have thoroughly converted people.
- Go forth strong in faith in the mighty God of Jacob with our eyes must be anointed with eye-salve.

**Psalm 145:18 (KJV) — 18** The  
LORD is nigh unto all them that  
call upon him, to all that *call upon*  
*him in truth.*



**1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (KJV)** — 16 Rejoice evermore. 17 *Pray without ceasing.* 18 *In every thing give thanks:* for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**Colossians 4:2 (KJV) — 2** *Continue* in  
prayer, and watch in the same *with*  
*thanksgiving;*

**Philippians 4:6–7 (KJV)** — 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Jeremiah 29:12–13 (KJV)** — 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me *with all your heart.*

**Matthew 21:22 (KJV) — 22** And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**1 John 5:14–15 (KJV)** — 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

**Luke 6:12 (KJV)** — 12 And it came to pass  
in those days, that he went out into a  
mountain to pray, and continued all night in  
prayer to God.

**Acts 15:3 (KJV)** — 3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.



***Conversion: ἐπιστροφή (epistrophē) to  
change one's manner of life in a  
particular direction.***

**Luke 22:32 (KJV) —** 32 But I have  
prayed for thee, [Peter] that thy faith fail  
not: and when thou art converted,  
strengthen thy brethren.

**Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) — 7** For as he  
thinketh in his heart, so is he: . . .

**Mark 1:15 (KJV)** — 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

***repent*: μετανοέω (metanoēō); to change  
one's mind or purpose:**

**Galatians 2:20 (KJV)** — 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

**Romans 6:3–6 (KJV)** — 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 herefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)** — 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.



**Hebrews 12:2–3 (KJV)** — 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

**Mark 11:21–22 (KJV)** — 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

*The knowledge of what the Scripture means when urging upon us the necessity of cultivating faith, is more essential than any other knowledge that can be acquired. We suffer much trouble and grief because of our unbelief, and our ignorance of how to exercise faith. We must break through the clouds of unbelief. We can not have a healthy Christian experience, we can not obey the gospel unto salvation, until the science of faith is better understood, and until more faith is exercised. There can be no perfection of Christian character without that faith that works by love, and purifies the soul.*

*(The Review and Herald, October 18, 1898, par. 7)*

**John 6:28–29 (KJV)** — 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the **works** of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the **work** of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

**Galatians 5:6 (KJV) — 6** For in Jesus Christ  
neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor  
uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

**James 5:16 (KJV)** — 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The *effectual fervent* prayer of a righteous man availeth much.