

## July 25

**Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)** <sup>2</sup>Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. **Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup>so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The West is undergoing severe droughts. The vegetation, trees, and foliage are drying up and turning into dry tinder. Fires consume acre after acre of land. Rivers and reservoirs are drying up. Meanwhile, in Oklahoma, I have never mowed my grass this much as we are blessed with rain after rain. Our yard is green with no brown spots. Our flowers are blooming, and the trees are full. Last night we had forgotten to water our plants and flower beds. Before we had a chance to do so, another rain fell, watering everything and cooling the air. All our plants perked up and cleared the air.

When we look at the situation in the West and our situation in Oklahoma, the images in the scriptures become clearer and more profound. God's word waters our spirits, hearts, and minds just as the rain waters the earth. When we go without His word, we begin to resemble the land in the West. When we embrace the word and adhere to His teaching, every aspect of life is renewed and replenished. God tells us that His word is like the rain. When the rain falls, it nourishes the earth. When God's word falls into our lives, it nourishes our hearts, minds, and spirits. His word never returns to Him void just as rain will never reverse course and return to the heavens. The Word of God is alive and active. There are no "old" words that sit and collect dust. His word, when we allow it to "water" us, will accomplish everything God desires. Nothing can stop or hinder it. All who accept Jesus and trust Him are grafted into the Vine. As such, we are to produce good fruit. Therefore, we need constant watering.