

The Parable of Hebrews 6:7, 8

"For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned." (New King James Version)

"Parched ground that soaks up the rain and then produces an abundance of carrots and corn for its gardener gets God's, "Well done!" But, if it produces weeds and thistles, it's more likely to get cussed out. Fields like that are burned, not harvested." (The Message Bible)

THE RAIN COMES

Naturally and physically, the rain is God's blessing and gift upon the earth
The same external privilege is to all; the just and the unjust
Spiritually, the rain represents the Word of God
All who come under the continual sound of the Word of God
No one can manufacture rain; rain is controlled by God
Rain comes from above
Rain is free
Rain refreshes and causes growth and cleansing
Rain quickens that which is in the ground
Rain produces and reveals the true nature of things

THE RAIN COMES ... OFTEN

Spiritually, this represents the repeated and frequent preaching of the Word of God

THE RAIN COMES ... OFTEN ... UPON AND INTO THE EARTH

The regular hearers and listeners of the preached Word of God
Those who often attend Worship Services regularly

THE RESULT

THOSE WHO DO NOT GO ON TO PERFECTION

Enlightened
Taste the heavenly gift
Partake of the Holy Spirit
Taste the good Word of God, and
of the powers of the age to come
But, bears thorns and briers
Resulting in near to being cursed
The end result: Burning/judgment/damnation

THOSE WHO DO GO ON UNTO PERFECTION

(Read also Hebrews 6:1 – 12, and compare Matthew 13:1 – 9, 18 - 23)

Leave the discussion of the elementary things
Continue by grace in obedience to God
Possess things that accompany salvation
Do works & labors of love toward His Name
Therefore, bears herbs that are useful and
blesses others
The end result: Blessed by God
Inherit the promises

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