

the dew will occur when conditions are right

"and when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it." num 11:9

i recently learned something about dew i did not know before. if someone had asked me where dew comes from - "does it rise or does it fall" - i guess i would have been hard pressed to come up with a correct response. what might be your reply?

you see, the correct answer is neither. dew just appears when certain conditions are right. the word for that would be condensation. air can hold only a certain amount of water vapor. this amount varies according to the temperature of the air: the warmer the air, the more water vapor it can hold. when the air reaches its saturation point, the water vapor begins to condense - that is, form a liquid.

we might be praying, "Lord, fall on us" or in the morning, "Lord, rise up to meet us." i suppose the lesson would be the dew happens only when conditions are right in our lives. God has set certain laws to rule the universe. the sun rises every morning and sets every evening. everything produces after it's own kind. in like manner as these, God will cause dew in our lives when the conditions are right. and blessings upon blessings, suddenly, unexpectedly, manna will fall on it.

there are many everyday christians leading everyday lives. some believing just because they force themselves to go to church one day a week, the

"hereafter" question box is sufficiently checked. far be it for me to question anyone's salvation; the Holy Spirit leaves that to each of us. "examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. test yourselves. do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified." 2 cor 13:5

do you know that one of the definitions of "epiphany" actually listed in the american heritage dictionary is a: "celebrating the manifestation of the divine nature of Jesus to the gentiles." have you had your epiphany? we each must have one. have you come to the full realization Jesus is not just some idol to sit on a shelf and pay homage to. does anyone think just mouthing a few words and calling it a "confession" instead of a "spell" does the trick?

just being an acquaintance is not going to be enough. "and then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" matt 7:23. do you think lawlessness just means breaking the law? "to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." james 4:17 paul put it another way. "one person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. let each be fully convinced in his own mind." rom 14:5 in other words. in other words, it is lawlessness. lawless because one believes God requires it and they knowingly do otherwise.

everyone needs their own epiphany. "which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." col 1:27 Christ is not only omnipresent, He is ever present. He is not limited to any space or time. He can be present in every situation in all of creation at any given time

and He can be present to a person in a manifest manner, in a specific time.

that's what we want. we want the dew to occur and the manna to fall upon it. but that means we have to do our part. we have to cultivate the right conditions for dew to occur. conditions which i believe we touched on yesterday: our commitment, our worship, our sharing of goods, whatever is required. we must heat up our spiritual life and saturate it up with the water of the word and just like the air, it will begin to condense, "dew" will emerge, and then - wonder of wonders, manna will fall upon it.

keep the fire on the altar burning - throw more wood on it if needed. if there is anything hindering your from entering His presence, we also must put it on the altar and tie it down with our tears. be it some hidden sin, unforgiveness, envy or judgment, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 john 1:9

the night is far spent. the daybreak of His coming draws near. that which we do must be done quickly and faithfully. "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." phil 4:7