

Latter Day Rains, Latter Day Harvest

Joel 2

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Sermon Sketch: After pouring out judgment God promises to send both early and latter rains such that there is an abundant harvest and a provision that overflows...

- 1) What part of Missions Conference was meaningful to you? How did Trent and Sharon Thornton's testimony of faithful obedience (sent by the Alliance to serve in 14 different countries) encourage your walk with God?
- 2) How handy are you at growing things? Do you like to garden? Do you like to visit farmer's markets?
- 3) Living in a non-industrial agricultural society, how dependent upon good weather (abundant rain and sunshine in do measure) do you think the people of Israel were?
- 4) God describes judgment in terms of the devastation caused by a swarm of locusts. Both a human army (25), and a mass of insects can inflict great damage. How have stories from the war in Ukraine caused you thank God for the safety and abundance we enjoy in this great country?
- 5) How are the descriptions of judgment of Joel 2 like the judgments of Revelation (chapter 9) that we studied last year in Adult Sunday School? How will the end time judgments of Revelation be even more severe than those recounted in Joel 2?
- 6) When was a season in your life when you sought God in repentance as seriously as described in verses 12-17? How might you seek God passionately in the week ahead?
- 7) How does Peter connect to Joel 2 and Pentecost in Acts 2? What meaning does that have for us today?
- 8) How does the outpouring of the Spirit in Joel 2 differ from how the Spirit moved in times previous to that prophecy?
- 9) How might you embrace the Spirit personally in the days ahead? How might you seek a deeper work of the Spirit than what you have experienced thus far?
- 10) How is the Spirit's infilling linked to our experiencing a latter day harvest?
- 11) How will you engage in harvest activities in the week ahead?