

Psalm 68:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

Analysis

God 'didst send a plentiful rain' upon His inheritance—Israel, the promised land. This 'plentiful rain' may refer to literal provision (manna, quail, water from the rock) or metaphorical spiritual blessing. 'Thou didst confirm it' means God strengthened and established His weary people. The pattern of God refreshing His exhausted inheritance recurs throughout redemptive history, ultimately fulfilled in the Spirit's outpouring (Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2). God never abandons His people in their weakness but revives them.

Historical Context

Throughout Israel's wilderness journey, God provided water, food, and victories despite the people's repeated failures. This pattern of provision despite unworthiness became central to understanding grace.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God 'sent plentiful rain' to revive you when you were spiritually weary or depleted?
2. What does it mean that God 'confirms' or establishes His inheritance—how does He strengthen His people?
3. In what ways does the Holy Spirit function as God's 'plentiful rain' on the church today?

Interlinear Text

וְנִלְאָה הַנִּמְלָתָב אֶלְהָה יְמִינְךָ תִּשְׁמַם
rain a plentiful didst send Thou O God thine inheritance when it was weary
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אַתָּה כּוֹנְנָתָה:
whereby thou didst confirm
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Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 11:14 (Parallel theme): That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Ezekiel 34:26 (Parallel theme): And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.