

Psalm 72:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

Analysis

The king's reign compared to 'rain upon mown grass' and 'showers that water the earth' depicts refreshing, life-giving influence. Mown grass needs rain to recover; parched earth needs showers to produce fruit. So righteous leadership revives and blesses the people. This imagery anticipates Christ as the rain of righteousness (Hosea 6:3) whose reign brings spiritual renewal and abundant life (John 10:10). True authority serves and refreshes rather than exploiting and draining.

Historical Context

In Israel's arid climate, rain meant survival and blessing—a gift from God. Using this imagery for the king showed that godly leadership functions as divine blessing, providing what people desperately need.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's leadership function as 'rain' that revives and refreshes your spiritual life?

2. What would it look like for human leaders to refresh rather than burden those under their authority?
3. In what ways can you be 'rain' to others—bringing refreshment and life through your influence?

Interlinear Text

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He shall come down	like rain	upon the mown	grass as showers	that water			
H3381	H4306	H5921	H1488	H7241			H2222
אָרֶץ							
the earth							
H776							

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 6:3 (Parallel theme): Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Deuteronomy 32:2 (Parallel theme): My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

2 Samuel 23:4 (Parallel theme): And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

Psalms 65:10 (Parallel theme): Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.