

(Prov. 3. 20.) So the Word comes through the medium of that which speaks of judgment : in view of the cross of Christ, God can speak to His creatures, and bless and refresh His people. Also the dew comes from that which was the symbol of the divine presence—the cloud. God is, as it were, hidden. He who is the Word is hidden from us (except to the eye of faith) ; but the Spirit and the Word distill upon our parched souls as a refreshing message from above. As the manna fell upon the dew, Num. 11. 9, so Christ is identified with the dew of God's Word ;—yea, so closely, that He says, (Hos. 14. 5). "I will be as the dew unto Israel."

The absence of the dew is the sign of barrenness, and a judgment upon God's people when they forget the Lord, Hag. 1. 10. "Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit;" so our hearts shall be barren when we drink not in the dew of God's Word in order that we might increase in the knowledge of the Lord, and abound in the fruit of the Spirit.

Let us, then, beloved brethren, in this night time of our Lord's absence who is the Sun of Righteousness, open our hearts to the benign and refreshing influence of the Word and Spirit. Then our soul shall be as a watered garden, in which shall grow the luscious fruits for His taste of whom our Lord said, "My Father is the Husbandman."

O Lord, Thy speech distills.

As doth the morning dew,
Each weary soul Thy word now fills,
And gives them life anew.

It clothes in verdent green,
The barren spots of earth,
And fills with joy where hearts had been
Dried up by dewless dearth.

'Tis now responds the heart,
To heavenly rays of light,
And manifests the Spirit's fruit,
In praises day and night.

Thy Word to us is joy,
'Tis peace and heavenly rest,
It speaks of love without alloy
From heart to heart so blest.

Thus as a garden fair,
Our hearts shall fruitful be,
Producing by the Spirit's care,
Rich fruits for God to see.

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DEFINITION OF BIBLE TERMS.

A gerah was one cent.

A shekel of gold was \$8.

A farthing was three cents.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A talent of silver was \$538.30.

A shekel of silver was about fifty-cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A cab was three pints.

A homer was six pints.

A firkin was seven pints.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

An ephah, or bath contains seven gallons and five pints.

Ezekiel's reed was nearly eleven feet.

A cubit was nearly twenty-one inches.

A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.

A Sabbathday's journey was about an English mile.

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.