Dear Open Door Family,

We have a backyard that had been neglected for many years before we moved in. We knew that we would need to do something to take care of the large sections of dirt. So, this year I planted grass seed before the rains came. I don't know much but I do know this, a long gentle rain is better than a short violent one that pours inches of rain out in a matter of hours. I also know that the regular rain that we have had has made the grass really grow. There is a request in these verses that the teaching of God's Word would be like gentle rain or dew on new grass. As we approach God's Word, may we have hearts that are plowed and ready for the rain to bring about fruit.

***Deuteronomy 31:30 - 32:4*** *(NIV [30] And Moses recited the words of this song from beginning to end in the hearing of the whole assembly of Israel: [32:1] Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. [2] Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. [3] I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! [4] He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.*

This is a song which Moses taught the whole nation of Israel. It was supposed to be sung as a reminder of God's promise of blessings and curses that resulted from Obedience or Disobedience.

**The Bible Knowledge Com "**...singing this song the Israelites would be acknowledging: (a) their obligation to obey the Lord, and (b) the rightness and certainty of their judgment if they drifted away and disobeyed God.**"**

**PRAYER:** God - ALL Your WORDS are just and right, perfect in every situation. Please help me to speak Your words; help me and guide me. Keep me from speaking in harmful or hurtful ways. God - ALL Your WAYS are holy and pure. Please help me Lord, to act in ways that show Your holiness and justice is at work in and through me. God - You are ALWAYS FAITHFUL; You NEVER do anything wrong. Please help me, Lord Jesus, to be Faithful like You; help me to become more like You in every way. Help me to turn away from sin and wrong actions and to pursue You. God - there is NEVER a question of Your integrity or goodness. You are the LIGHT of the World. Please, Lord Jesus, keep me close to the Light and may I always REFLECT Your Light.

Pastor Mark Kieft
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