

## How to Feel Like Singing in the Rain

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It was on this morning that I was caught in the rain. As the cold droplets soaked my clothes and chilled my skin, I experienced a sense of aggravation and depression. "Why does it have to be raining!" I shout within myself. I must note, however, that the aggravation came from me and not the rain. Looking back as the heavens opened up and the raindrops descended from the sky, I see that there was something beautiful at play. In the storm, there is an invitation to experience the joy of being caught in the rain, a simple reminder of joy disguised within something seeming unpleasant.

In the Bible, rain often symbolizes God's blessings and favor. The Psalmist declares, "You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9 NKJV). In the same way, the rain that falls upon us can be seen as a manifestation of God's provision and grace. The rhythmic pitter-patter of raindrops becomes a soothing melody, a symphony that encourages us to pause, reflect, and connect with the Creator. In those moments, choose to see it as if God is whispering His love and care, reminding us of His constant presence in our lives.

A childlike joy arises when we embrace the rain as something beautiful. As the droplets soak our clothes and hair, we are reminded of the cleansing power of God's love, and with the childlike excitement, we feel a cleansing not just of the physical body but of the soul—a washing away of worries, doubts, and burdens. Let this water serve as a reminder of the saving power of baptism, which washes away our sins (Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21). In the proper obedience of the gospel; we are not just sprinkled in God's love but buried with Him in the flood (Romans 6:4). However, in the rain or storm, we can find a sacred space to release our concerns and trust in the providence of the One who holds the universe together if we choose.

Moreover, being caught in the rain is an opportunity to cultivate gratitude. Instead of grumbling about the inconvenience, we can choose to see it as a gift—a reminder that every drop is a blessing, every storm a testament to the Creator's faithfulness. His gifts are truly raining down upon us. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

The next time you find yourself caught in the rain, let it be a great experience. Sing in the downpour, celebrate the symphony, and let your heart overflow with gratitude. For the One who showers you with love and grace does so in both the rain and in the sunshine of life. So, being aided by the childlike excitement of the falling rain. Sing aloud in the rain not with aggravation but with praise, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing...!"