

Rain, rein, reign...

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[0:00] I gather it was absolutely stifling. So it's been the fifth one we've had this year so far.! Well it happened all over the world apparently.

And it said that on the news it said thousands in the UK have been wooed by seeing the eclipse. Thousands except in Bownsley. We sat in our backyard and expected to see this darkness come over the whole of Bownsley.

And other than the smog there was nothing happening. And then people were starting to text and put photographs on of a full eclipse and it had gone completely dark and it was amazing.

And we've been in Job's advance in which it's going to be any time now. And then we wait another 10 minutes. I'm sure it should have happened by now. And then we just went in there and covered tea. So it didn't happen in Bownsley.

I don't know whether it happened near you. But this week has been interesting. We take Elvis our dog out for a walk. Most nights in the village. And I saw this on Friday evening.

[1:24] This is the scene of Hemingfield on Friday evening. It was absolutely glorious. We walked up the village and then we turned around at the top bench and then we walked back down again.

And as we were walking back down you cannot guess what happened. As we were walking back down. Anybody guess what could have happened on Friday evening that was so exceptional in this current climate?

What happened? It rained! It was amazing! It started spitting. I looked at Joe. She looked at me and I said he's spitting at me. You know. He's coming out of the air. And he got heavier and heavier. And then we were walking past the Albion pub on the green. And this lady came out and said it's raining. She started dancing on the curb. A bit like that in Hemingfield. And then we passed this bloke and was walking his door. And he says can you believe it?

Can you believe it? It's about time. It's about time. About time it is. Amazing! It started to rain.

[2:24] Last year was the record that has just been broken by this year's heat.

But last year in July and August was red hot. And it followed then September there was virtually a record for rainfall.

32% higher than the national average. So I don't know about you but we came out this morning and we came to Osset and it wasn't raining. But in Barnes this morning it was raining again.

And that might just be the start of the whole month. And I tell you everywhere you've been going people are going, In't it hot? In't it hot?

When's it going to rain? When's it? The garden's needy. And you know what happened? By about the 14th of September we'll be all saying, When's it going to stop raining? We used to have a bit of a rhyme that used to go something like this.

[3:27] Rain, rain, go away, come again, another day. Little Zara wants to play Rain, rain, go away. And then, I don't know whether you know the film, what was the film called?

I was going to tell you. Eliza Doolittle. My Fair Lady. There you go, showing the rain work there. And she used to do a little ditty that said, The rain in Spain stays mainly on the plain.

What are you laughing at you? I'm staring at rain. What? Is that how you spell rain? Is that how you spell rain? No. Winnie, is that how you spell rain?

No? No. How you spell rain? I'm not supposed to do that. I'm not supposed to show that you're supposed to tell me. Is that how you spell rain?

Is that better? I knew it was one or the other. I didn't know just which one it was. Well, I've just been hard ground for once.

[4:36] And then suddenly it will start raining. And it will rain all of September, I'm sure. And then by the end of September we'll be saying, Boy, when will it stop raining?

The plants were dying. And then suddenly, the Bible says, in that dusty, dry land, God looked at them.

For the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

And God said to him, I am so upset with the world that I'm going to make it rain for 40 days and 40 nights. And I'm going to judge the world and I'm going to destroy it. But you, Noah, you're an upright man.

It continued to rain until the earth was flooded. And Noah stayed in the ark for 12 months.

[6:44] Why did he have to go to the extent of flooding the earth and destroying everybody? Well, the Bible says that he made man and woman in his image.

But nothing has changed. God is still heartbroken by sin. He's still heartbroken by the fact we talked a couple of weeks ago that our hearts have been turned away from him.

But the Bible says this. That each one of us will give an account of our sin to God. And he is the righteous judge of all.

And as God looks at us. And he sees our heart. I have to tell you the story of what I was saying. I'm reminiscing.

And I used to go out. And people used to say to me. Make sure you come back in. Clean and tidy. Don't get messed up. Don't get dirty. And I went out. And I came back. And I was always filled with eyeballs.

[8:55] He put me on his knee. And he gave me some slipper. He sent me to the bathroom to have a wash. And I went to the bathroom to have a wash. And I did that awful thing that a young one should never do. I turned around.

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[14:52] He didn't get. He didn't go to be worshipped. He didn't go for the praise. The Bible says he went there to die. That was God's plan.

And following five days in Jerusalem. We go from them welcoming him. To actually crying. To crucify him.

He bounced in on a donkey. On the ends of our cross. They shouted praise God. Because they welcomed him. And then five days later.

They shouted. Crucify him. Why? Because that was God's plan. God's way. To redeem people. The Bible says this. God showed his great love for us. By sending Christ. While we were still sinners.

[15:55] Why? Because God's plan was to punish his son for our sin. The football season started yesterday.

If you haven't noticed. Barnes had played their first game. And there was as good as normal. Yeah. Lost their first game. It doesn't seem too big to visit since we were watching the World Cup.

And watching the England team. You might have seen that. And all of us getting excited. It's coming home. And getting to the semi-finals. And being dashed yet again.

But what impressed me. This year. Was that the team. All seemed in unity. And were singing. With real gusto. And enthusiasm.

The national anthem. Normally they would do that. But this year. Every single one of them. Was singing. The national anthem. To the king. And what I was impressed with.

[17:00] Was that they knew. The words. That's incredible. Every single one of them. As it goes. God save our gracious king.

Long live our noble king. God save our king. In the next verse. The next verse. Na na na na. Send him be told us. Happy and glorious.

Long to reign over us. God save the king. That's spelled right isn't it? Not the right spelling. Long to reign over us.

God save the king. Is that right? It's not right. It's not right. Another one. Long to reign over us.

God save the king. God save the king. That's what we're here today to do. That's what we've been doing.

[18:03] We haven't been singing praise. To the king of England. But to the king of heaven. The heavenly king. Who's a room for heaven.

To the one. And when he was crucified. He was a mocking. The king. The bible says. That God save us all for him. Is the highest place.

That heaven was. And he's now crowned. With glory. And honor. And he's the king. Preparing a place. For those people. Who love.

Him. And he makes his voice. Come to me. All you who are weary. Can carry heavy burdens. And I'll give you rest.

And if you do that. I will never reject you. My spelling's not the best. But I just remind us.

[19:04] That in God's sight. All are sinful. And separated. Because of that. Jesus came to pay. That price. For our house. That we might have.

A relationship. With the king of heaven. Let's pray. Please. Father, we thank you.