

**Wonderfully Made Series**  
**Study #10: Latter Rain & Bones**  
**Bible Sermon Study Notes by Cary Rodgers, pastor**

**Psalm 8:3, 4**

**3 “When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.”**

**4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?**

**Romans 1:20**

**20 “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.”**

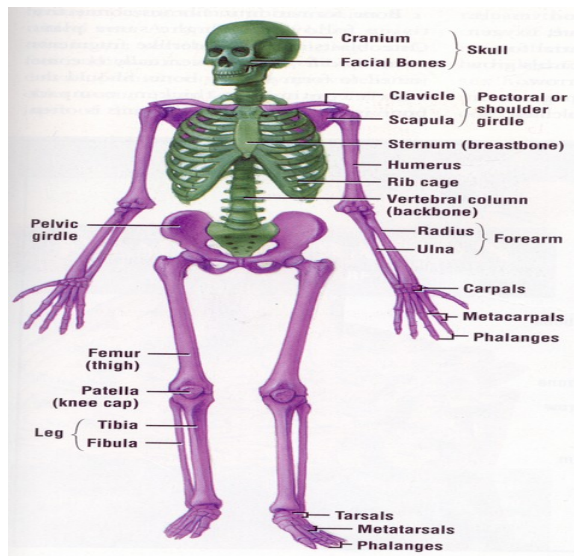
Today we are briefly going to look at Osteology before we study the Latter rain.

Osteology is the scientific study of bones (anatomy, physiology, and disease)

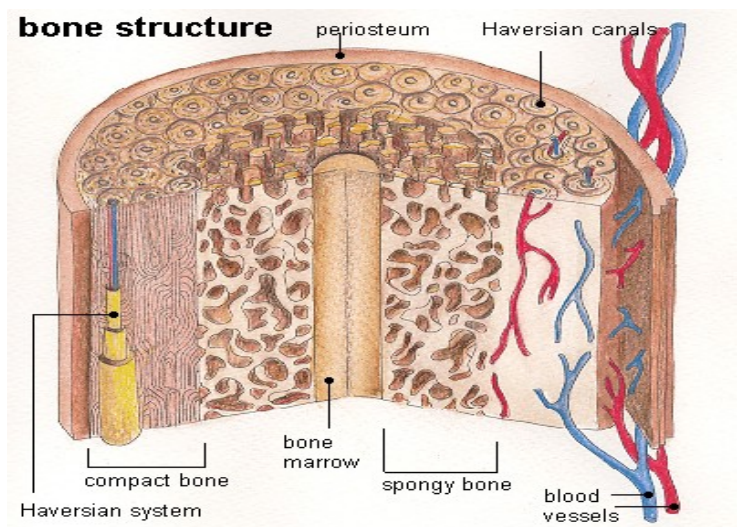
How many bones do we have? A typical adult human skeleton consists of 206 bones which have a variety of functions

- Without bones we would not have support for our body. Our bones are like the framework of a home. Our bones also protect the vital organs in our bodies.
- Another important function of bones is its metabolic function (calcium metabolism, forming blood in the red bone marrow).

**Figure id of major bones of the body**



**Bone Structure**



## Spongy Bone or Cancellous bone

The loose inner bony substance connecting up to it is a spongy (bone) cortical layer

It has a higher surface area but is less dense, softer, weaker, and less stiff than compact bone.

## Bone Marrow

- Is the flexible tissue found in the interior of bones. In humans, bone marrow in large bones produces new blood cells.
- The hematopoietic compartment of bone marrow produces approximately 500 billion blood cells per day

## Haversian canals

- (sometimes Canals of Havers, named after British physician Clopton Havers ) are a series of tubes around narrow channels formed by lamellae. This is the region of bone called compact bone .
- The Haversian canals surround blood vessels and nerve cells throughout the bone and communicate with osteocytes in lacunae (spaces within the dense bone matrix that contain the living bone cells) through canaliculi.

The bones are amazing. As we can see, they are alive frame structure for our bodies. Next week we will look at the various types of bones and their function.

## The Latter Rain

**As you know we are living at the end of the time. All those who are a part of the 144,000 will receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be empowered to spread the everlasting gospel with more vitality and power.**

### **Joel 2:23-25**

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for **you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain** in the first month.

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

After wheat is planted, the former rain prepares the seeds to have enough water to properly germinate and develop a strong root system. The latter rain is the last main and great rain

before the harvest of the wheat. The latter rain prepare the wheat at the end of the growth period for a successful harvest.

The former rain represents the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the New Testament church to germinate the growth of the true church of God for the purpose of spreading the gospel message to the world.

### **What is the purpose of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the true church of God?**

#### **Acts 1:8**

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Just before the harvest of the world the latter rain will be greater than the former rain that empowers His people to share the everlasting gospel.

#### **Revelation 14:6**

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

"But near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that Christians are to send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest "in the time of the latter rain." In response, "the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain." "He will cause to come down . . . the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain," Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:23. {Ellen White, Acts of the Apostles p. 55.1}

Only those who are dwelling in Christ and Christ in them and actively sharing the everlasting gospel now will receive the latter rain of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They will receive a special endowment and power from the Holy Spirit to give the last urgent message to the world to get out of Babylon. They will be do amazing things that are only God possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**He promised them that the Holy Ghost will teach all things as a testimony of Jesus Christ and bring all things to their remembrance. The same will be true at the end of time during the latter rain.**

#### **John 14:26**

26 **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

The 120 who were in the upper room were unified by truth and on one accord. They prayed for the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised them that the Holy Spirit would come with power and they by faith believed that it would happen.

### **Acts 1:13-15**

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

The 120 in the upper room were in one accord in prayer and supplication. We like those who received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit must be in one accord in Truth, praying to receive the latter rain.

Do you want to receive the latter rain? Are your praying for it? Pray in faith and with furor. **We MUST have a love for the truth now and be actively sharing the everlasting gospel NOW.**

### **What happened when the 120 received the Holy Spirit while at Pentecost?**

#### **Acts 2:1-11**

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the **Spirit gave them utterance.**

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

This was a supernatural experience that only was possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. They were able to speak other languages as the "Spirit gave them utterance."

**Utterance** (Greek) = to **enunciate plainly**, that is, declare: - say, speak forth

**Enunciate** means say or pronounce clearly. So the Holy Spirit was able to speak through the disciples with clarity and understanding in order to reach those from many languages with the testimony and gospel of Jesus Christ at the feast of Pentecost.

“The Holy Spirit, assuming the form of tongues of fire, rested upon those assembled. **This was an emblem of the gift then bestowed on the disciples, which enabled them to speak with fluency languages with which they had heretofore been unacquainted.** The appearance of fire signified the fervent zeal with which the apostles would labor and the power that would attend their work.

‘There were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.’ During the dispersion the Jews had been scattered to almost every part of the inhabited world, and in their exile they had learned to speak various languages. Many of these Jews were on this occasion in Jerusalem, attending the religious festivals then in progress. Every known tongue was represented by those assembled. This diversity of languages would have been a great hindrance to the proclamation of the gospel; God therefore in a miraculous manner supplied the deficiency of the apostles. The Holy Spirit did for them that which they could not have accomplished for themselves in a lifetime. They could now proclaim the truths of the gospel abroad, speaking with accuracy the languages of those for whom they were laboring. This miraculous gift was a strong evidence to the world that their commission bore the signet of Heaven. From this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate, whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language.”  
{Acts of Apostles p. 39.1}

### **What was the results of the former rain?**

#### **Acts 2:41-47**

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

This was no doubt powerful and amazing, but the latter rain will be greater for God's remnant at the end of time. Are you ready for the latter rain? We must be a praying church for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Make this prayer a part of your daily prayer. As a church we are going to pray with more fervor to be recipients of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Remember again we must remain obedient to the commandments of God and have faith in the testimonies of Jesus Christ.

**Beware of the false latter rain of Babylon.** Those who reject the commandments of God but claim to be the people of God will promote a false latter rain. Their prayers are flowered with much rhetoric and words, but NO power! Matter fact their prayers are an abomination to God.

**Proverbs 28:9**

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, **even his prayer shall be abomination.**

This week President Trump called in about 50 pastors to pray for him.

**Pastors, worship leaders pray for Trump in Oval Office amid impeachment fight, Fox News, by Caleb Park, December 11, 2019**

“About 50 worship leaders from across America gathered for a [faith](#) briefing Friday organized by [Paula White-Cain](#), the president's personal pastor and special adviser to the Faith and Opportunity Initiative in the White House.”

Because they reject the whole law of God their prayers are not getting past the ceiling.

Also what we see before our eyes is the formation of the image of the beast! This prophecy is fast fulfilling.

**Revelation 13:11-12**

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon (USA).

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Trump and the White House have blurred the line of separation of church and state. They are becoming one as we speaking.

We must have the power to give the message to a world in darkness. We must receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be endowed to give the last warning to the world with power! The last day prophecy is fulfilled fast!

If you know this to be true, who and where should your main focus be on? Do you want to receive the latter rain? Let's pray as a church family to receive it, but remember you must be in unison with God's truth and have a hatred for sin and worldliness. You cannot receive it in disobedience. All of the 144,000 will receive it.

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