

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”

Ezekiel 34:26 says the Lord refreshes the earth with showers of rain and refreshes us with showers of blessing...

Towards the end of April, I visited my Dad, who lives on the south coast, to celebrate his birthday with him. The Lord refreshed us with the blessing of a very happy day together, and on the way home the next day I played a CD which I hadn't listened to before. One of the hymns on that CD is *Showers of Blessing*:

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Saviour above.	<i>Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need; Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.</i>
There shall be showers of blessing – Precious reviving again; Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.	There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord! Grant to us now a refreshing; Come, and now honour Thy Word.
There shall be showers of blessing, Oh, that to-day they might fall, Now, as to God, we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!	There shall be showers of blessing, If we but trust and obey; There shall be seasons refreshing, If we let God have His way.

I'd received the CD through an error... I had ordered *Sankey's Just As I Am*, but when it arrived, a different CD, *Songs of Redemption*, had been put into the *Sankey* case by accident. The online shop was very apologetic and immediately sent me *Sankey*, whilst kindly allowing me to keep the other one. More showers of blessing, as that CD was packed with songs we used to sing in the 60s and 70s but which I haven't heard for years – and, it was a freebie!

It had started to rain quite heavily on the way home from Dad's, but the showers of rain simply added to the showers of blessing the Lord gave me through the CD, testifying to the truth of God's Word in Ezekiel.

Singing a tad more enthusiastically than tunefully as I whizzed along the A27, curved left up the M23, then right onto the M25 and M26, and trying very hard (but with little success) to stay within the temporary 50 mile speed limit on the M20, I suddenly realised I'd been so engrossed in the songs that I'd reached the A228 turn-off, but was still in the outside lane doing 60+ (I know, I'm sorry Lord), and for a second my heart sank as I thought I'd have to continue to the next turn-off and come back.

But the Lord, so gracious in spite of my questionable driving, blessed me again, as a gap suddenly opened in the traffic in the middle and inner lanes, allowing me to do a swift (not *quite* 90°) turn across them and up the slip road onto the A228 with merely a hair's breadth to spare! How good are the Lord's showers of blessing – especially when we don't deserve them!

You can hear a truly joyous rendition of *Showers of Blessing* on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fholGruvaws>, and new or used copies of both CDs should be available from Amazon.

Songs of Redemption: There is Power / I Stand Amazed / At Calvary / He Lives! He Lives! / I Know Whom I Have Believed / Showers of Blessing / In My Heart / We're Feeding on the Living Bread / Heaven Came Down / Send the Fire / Standing on the Promises / O Happy Day / What a Friend We Have in Jesus / It Is Well / When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.

Sankey – Just As I Am: We're Marching to Zion / Count Your Blessings / Trust and Obey / My Jesus, I love Thee / Shall We Gather at the River? / O Happy Day! / Stand Up for Jesus / Just As I Am / What a Friend We Have in Jesus / Have You Been to Jesus? / Rock of Ages / It Is Well / I Will Sing the Wondrous Story / When the Roll is Called Up Yonder.

*May God refresh you with His showers of blessing this month,
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