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## MORNING DEW

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### Topic: THE BLESSING OF DEW

The word “dew” appears 34 times in the Bible, and it is primarily seen as a blessing. It is used poetically and symbolically in many places, and is quite different to the blessing of rain. Since the time of Passover, Jewish people across the land have been praying the prayer or blessing for dew, which asks God to bring a light out of the darkness to draw Israel to himself, as a root finds water from dew. Rain will always catch our attention, as anyone caught out in the rain would know. It can be heard in the pitter-patter of raindrops, or the pummeling of a heavy shower.

Dew, on the other hand, is silent. It does not draw attention to itself at all. It can be seen as a more humble, unassuming version of rain – never causing damage; gentle, nourishing and dependable.

#### WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT DEW?

Dew often goes unnoticed, and we need to make an effort to become aware of this subtle gift from God that speaks of his steadfast love – his mercies that come new every morning.

As with so many concepts we read about in the Bible, the first time it is mentioned is key in understanding its significance. In Genesis 27:28, Isaac blesses Jacob with these words:

*“May God give you of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth and plenty of grain and wine.”*

Dew in the Bible speaks primarily of bounty and divine blessing.

It is seen to descend along with the manna and the quail that God provided for his children in the desert, and is likened to Moses’ teaching. It is a refreshment, a gift, and a message from heaven – a source of life.

The blessing of rain is well-known and understood. God sends rain as a blessing, and withhold

s it when he wants to correct and draw Israel’s attention back to himself. Not only is rain a blessing conditional upon behavior, but it can also be a curse if it is the wrong type of rain at the wrong time.



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A heavy downpour can destroy an entire crop of wheat or barley if it comes too late in the season.

Dew, on the other hand, shows up every morning, unconditionally.

And it is always a blessing. It sustains, bringing gentle nourishment to the earth. Whether or not we pay attention to it, the dew is always there, regardless. However long we may have ignored it or been oblivious to its presence, it appears day after day, no questions asked... just like the unconditional love of God.

Here are a couple more key verses which mention "dew":

Psalm 110:3 "Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours."

The womb of the morning can refer to the very break of morning, when dew appears.

It speaks of freshness; the strength of the early stages of life.

It gives encouragement that God can provide youthful vigour when He calls us up to fight with Him. He will always provide the sustenance we will need when we willingly agree to battle alongside Him and do exploits with our God.

Hosea 14:5-6 "I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon."

In this verse, God likens Himself to dew – a great blessing to Israel, that causes flourishing, growth, beauty and fragrance. This verse also can be seen as inspiration for the Tfilat Tal:

Deuteronomy 33:13

"Blessed of the Lord be his land,  
With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,  
And from the deep lying beneath,



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Deuteronomy 32:2

"Let my teaching drop as the rain,  
My speech distill as the dew,  
As the droplets on the fresh grass  
And as the showers on the herb.

Isaiah 26:19

Your dead will live;  
Their corpses will rise.

You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,  
For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,  
And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.

Job 29:19

'My root is spread out to the waters,  
And dew lies all night on my branch.

Numbers 11:9 "When the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall  
with it.

PRAYERS: May dew fall upon the blessed land.

Fill us with heaven's finest blessings.

May a light come out of the darkness to draw Israel  
to you as a root finds water from dew.

May you bless our food with dew.

May we enjoy plenty with nothing lacking.

Grant the wish of the people – that followed you  
through the desert like sheep – with dew.

You are Adonai our God,  
who causes the wind to blow and the dew to fall,  
For blessing and not for curse.