

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### AS THE DEW FALLS

I have seen this leaf after a rain storm, and it did not contain any water, yet after a dewy night, this is what I found. Why? Because dew is soft and gentle and gathers together until its resulting togetherness is easily noticed.

Sadly, many people see God as a heavy-handed rainstorm, lashing about and causing harm. They see the troubles around them and across the world, and they blame God. They read about violence, poverty, and domestic violence and blame God. But could this be the result of not understanding the God of the Bible and his central teaching theme toward all people, which is "love"?

His words to humanity through his Son Jesus, some of which are the most well-known words from God, leave no doubt about his love. We are told in John chapter three, verse sixteen, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his unique Son so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. ( International Standard Version) These words are gentle and filled with love.

In the Bible book of Deuteronomy, God instructs how he wants his words and his teachings to be used: "Let my teaching fall like rain, and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grass and showers on tender plants. (**Deuteronomy 32:2**) This is often hard to do. It is so easy to use God's words to judge others, to condemn someone who doesn't measure up to our expectations. Rather than use God's words to gently help people who may be struggling to grow and live lives that bloom, we enthusiastically, like a rain storm pound them down.

The shape of the leaf enabled the many individual dew drops to pool together and be more easily seen, but also be better able to withstand the heat of the sun and help the plant.

Perhaps if we are more willing to let God shape our lives, the many blessing of his loving nature would come together and pool in our lives; His love would be more easily seen and also become supportive to help others grow into enjoying God's love in their own lives.

Might I suggest that for a moment, you stop, look into your life, and ask God to help you see the dew drops of his love, and then let them flow together and tell him how thankful you are? To begin with, they may only be a few and small. That's OK.

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