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EVEN ME, LORD
Elizabeth Codner, 1824–1919

He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. (Psalm 72:6)

The spiritual blessings of a Spirit-filled life are intended for every believer, not just for a favored few.

The author of this hymn text was Elizabeth Codner, the wife of an Anglican clergyman. She was having her personal devotions one day when she became deeply impressed with a verse of Scripture, Ezekiel 34:26:

I will cause the shower to come down in the season, there shall be showers of blessing.

Mrs. Codner thought about the importance of water in the dry country of Palestine and related this to the necessity of the daily refreshment of the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures in a believer's life. When she was still contemplating this truth, a group of young people from the parish called on her and told the news of their recent trip to Ireland. They related that certain cities and areas of the Emerald Isle had experienced a spiritual awakening during the time of their visit. The young people were thrilled to have been witnesses of this event. As they were describing their experience, Mrs. Codner began to pray that these young men would not be content merely to have been spectators of the Holy Spirit's ministry but would also desire a genuine outpouring of His power in their individual lives. With the words of Ezekiel 34:26 in mind, she challenged them with the remark, "While the Lord is pouring out such showers of blessing upon others, pray that some drops will fall on you."

The following Sunday morning, Mrs. Codner stayed home from church because of illness, and with the impact of the young people's experience still fresh in her mind, she penned these challenging words.

Lord, I hear of show'rs of blessing Thou art scatt'ring full and free; show'rs the thirsty land refreshing—let some drops now fall on me.

Love of God so pure and changeless, blood of Christ so rich and free, grace of God so strong and boundless: magnify them all in me.

Pass me not! Thy lost one bringing, bind my heart, O Lord, to Thee; while the streams of life are springing, blessing others, O bless me.

Refrain: Even me, even me, let Thy blessing fall on me.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

