

## The Glory of Rain

The Glory of Rain 11. This world ever lives, putting trust in the rains; as the rain enlivens and sustains the world, people consider it as veritable nectar. 12. The world needs food; the rain meets this need, producing food grains and the like; it also serves as water to drink; in this way, it benefits the world. 13. What is the use of the four seas circling this earth? If the rain ceases to fall in season, the disease of hunger will stalk the world and torment all living beings 14. The peasants are ever bent on cultivating food crops; if the blessing of rain is denied, there will be no opportunity for tilling the field. 15. Sometimes, the world perishes from drought (failure of rains); at other times, the rains pour and preserve the world scorched by drought. 16. If rain &ndash; drops do not fall from the clouds on to the earth, flourishing green crops can never be seen in this world. 17. If the clouds do not drink the water from the sea and pour it on the earth as rain, even the deep sea will dry up for want of plentiful water. 18. If rains fail, all the daily rituals in the world &ndash; especially worship in temples, festivals and such like good events --- will cease altogether.

19. Charity to benefit others and austerities for the benefit of the self --- these two will stop, if the rain fails.

20. Without rain, there will be no water; with out water, the daily life of the people will come to a stand---sill; they will also be denied the opportunity to observe the duties prescribed in the scriptures.