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NEWSLETTER

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## SNOW!



WITH OUR RECENT WINTERY WEATHER, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SNOW. SNOW CAN BE PRETTY. FRESHLY FALLEN SNOW GLISTENING IN THE SUNLIGHT CAN BEAUTIFULLY BLANKET OUR LAWNS. SNOW CAN BE EXHAUSTING. HEAVING SHOVELS FULL OF WET, HEAVY SNOW AWAY FROM OUR DRIVES CAN BE QUITE THE WORKOUT. SNOW CAN BE EXHILARATING. SKIERS SWISHING GRACEFULLY DOWN SNOWY SLOPES EXCITE US.

SNOW CAN ALSO BE ILLUSTRATIVE. A QUICK SEARCH OF THE WORD "SNOW" USING MY BIBLE WORKS SOFTWARE YIELDED SOME GREAT REMINDERS ABOUT GOD'S AWESOMENESS.

SNOW ILLUSTRATES GOD'S POWER. PSALM 147:16-17 REMINDS US THAT "HE GIVES SNOW LIKE WOOL; HE SCATTERS THE FROST LIKE ASHES. HE CASTS FORTH HIS ICE AS FRAGMENTS; WHO CAN STAND BEFORE HIS COLD?" WHEN JOB WAS STRUGGLING WITH THE WHY OF GOD, GOD REMINDS JOB OF THE WHO. "GOD THUNDERS WITH HIS VOICE WONDROUSLY, DOING GREAT THINGS WHICH WE CANNOT COMPREHEND. FOR TO THE SNOW HE SAYS, 'FALL ON THE EARTH,' AND TO THE DOWNPOUR AND THE RAIN, 'BE STRONG.'" (JOB 37:5-6). GOD FURTHER IMPRESSED JOB WITH A CONTINUED Q&A SESSION BY ASKING, "HAVE YOU ENTERED THE STOREHOUSES OF THE SNOW, OR HAVE YOU SEEN THE STOREHOUSES OF THE HAIL?" (JOB 38:22.)

SNOW ALSO ILLUSTRATES GOD'S APPEARANCE. WHEN DANIEL WAS GIVEN REVELATION ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM, HE WRITES THIS. "I KEPT LOOKING UNTIL THRONES WERE SET UP, AND THE ANCIENT OF DAYS TOOK HIS SEAT; HIS VESTURE WAS LIKE WHITE SNOW AND THE HAIR OF HIS HEAD LIKE PURE WOOL. HIS THRONE WAS ABLAZE WITH FLAMES, ITS WHEELS WERE A BURNING FIRE. (DAN. 7:9). EXILED ON THE ISLE OF PATMOS, THE APOSTLE JOHN GOT A GLIMPSE OF OUR GLORIOUS GOD AND NOTES THAT "HIS HEAD AND HIS HAIR WERE WHITE LIKE WHITE WOOL, LIKE SNOW; AND HIS EYES WERE LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE. (REV. 1:14)

FINALLY, SNOW ILLUSTRATES GOD'S CLEANSING. WHO IS NOT MOVED BY DAVID'S PRAYER OF CONTRITION AND CONFESSION? DAVID HUMBLY YET CONFIDENTLY PRAYS, "PURIFY ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I SHALL BE CLEAN; WASH ME, AND I SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW." (PS. 51:7). ISAIAH LIKEWISE REVEALS GOD'S GRACIOUS FORGIVENESS BY POETICALLY PENNING THESE WORDS. "COME NOW, AND LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAYS THE LORD, THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE AS SCARLET, THEY WILL BE AS WHITE AS SNOW; THOUGH THEY ARE RED LIKE CRIMSON, THEY WILL BE LIKE WOOL." (ISA. 1:18).

LOOK AT THE SNOW AND WORSHIP. WORSHIP THE GOD WHO CREATES, SHINES AND FORGIVES!

LOOKING UP!

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