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Song of Solomon 2:11-12, “<sup>11</sup>For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over [and] gone; <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.”

We are in the first week of April and we are already seeing many indicators that the cold of winter has departed and the warmth of spring is returning. Flowers are appearing as well as birds that only show up this time of year. (The word “turtle” as used above in the King James Version of the Bible refers to a “turtledove,” which is a bird.) Perhaps you have already started mowing your lawn. If not, you will soon.

I think it does us all good mentally to see the longer and warmer days. The LORD has made us in such a way that more light and warmth lift our spirits. He has created the Earth in such a way that if one prefers colder climates, there are places that are never very warm. If one prefers warmth and greenery year round, there are tropical regions for us to live.

Jesus Himself referenced the harshness of winter. In referring to an

upcoming event, which was most likely the destruction of Jerusalem that was to come in a few decades, Jesus said in Mark 13:18, “*And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.*” He knew it would be hard to travel in the cold and wet.

In addressing Timothy, Paul said in II Timothy 4:21, “*Do thy diligence to come before winter.*” Paul wanted Timothy to come to him before the harshness of winter set in. It’s hard to travel in winter. Travel by ship was made treacherous by the rough seas and cold water of winter.

In Titus 3:12, Paul wrote, “*When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.*” He was planning to stay at one place during winter. It was better for him to stay in one place than to be traveling during the harshness that winter brings. In a similar thought, Paul wrote to the Corinthians in I Corinthians 16:6, “*And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.*”

Like us, those in Bible times had to plan their travel around winter weather. As Paul was being taken to Rome as a prisoner, we are told in Acts 27:12, “*And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, [and there] to winter...*”

Most people do prefer warm weather over cold. It’s easier to travel, dress, feed livestock, and just function in general. One thing is certain—the cold and warm cycles will continue as long as the earth remains. Genesis 8:22 “*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*” With how harsh winter can be and warm weather so pleasant, I can’t help but wonder what kind of “weather” will be in Heaven. Whatever we experience will be perfect. We will not be physical, therefore we will not experience hot or cold as we do now.

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# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sandy Duncan, Larry Compton and Clay Bozarth.**

—Tonight is our first-Sunday singing at 5:00 p.m. The LaRue County congregation will be visiting with us.

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That is a sensation for the flesh. I Corinthians 15:50, *“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.”* The kingdom of God has to be referring to Heaven in this passage. Though the kingdom is also the church, we definitely are flesh and blood while here in the church. Flesh and blood will not be in Heaven.

There is no need of the sun nor moon in Heaven. The glory of God and the Lamb are the light in Heaven (Revelation 21:3). The lighting will be perfect. It certainly is not cold nor is it hot. Revelation 7:16, *“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.”*

When I was young, we sang a song about the “sinless summer land” and also, “summer land, God is it’s light.” It’s hard not to picture Heaven as a perfect summer day that is not hot, but just right, because it will be perfect.

Though eternal, our existence after this life is referred to as simply a “day.” Proverbs 4:18, *“But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”* It’s a “day” because there is no night there. That perfect day never ends.

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Sunday, March 26, 2023		
Classes	21	Matthew 6:7-29
Preaching	32	I Corinthians 12:12-13:1
Contribution	\$1524.00	
Evening	11	Amos 9:1-15
Wednesday, March 29, 2023		
Classes	17	I Thessalonians 2:1-20

Visitors— Mar 26 (AM) Willow Wurst (Munfordville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The days will come when the plowman shall overtake who?

Last Week’s Answer—A basket of summer fruit (Amos 8:1)

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We all appreciate any day the LORD has made. Psalm 118:24, *“This [is] the day [which] the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”* Warm weather is pleasant and nice. Winter will return again in a few months, and the cycle will continue. But in Heaven, we will live eternally in that perfect day.

—Marty Edwards❖

## —God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)