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Job 37:10, “By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.”

We have already had some frost this year, and as we are quickly approaching winter, we will have many more. We see from the verse in Job that God gives use the frost by His breath. All we have comes from the LORD, including the weather.

Weather is one of the most common things for people to discuss. I suppose this is because it’s one thing that everyone shares in common. For the most part, everyone in an area experiences the same weather, and it makes it easy to discuss.

We discuss the heat and dryness of summer. We talk about how cold it is getting and the leaves turning color. By talking about the weather, we have a common ground and something we share with even someone we have not met before.

It’s common to hear people complain about the weather. I’ve actually heard people go as far to say, “I hate this weather.” There is certainly weather that is uncomfortable, but even when the weather is most

disagreeable to us, we need to remember that it’s from the LORD. Even Jesus and Paul recognized the hardship that winter brings.

When talking about the abomination of desolation to come and people having to flee, Jesus said in Matthew 24:20, “*But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day.*” They were not allowed to travel but a short distance on the sabbath. Though travel was permitted in winter, it would be hard with the cold and wet. Jesus talked of the hardships of winter, but He didn’t complain about it. He is the Creator of winter.

In John 10:22-23, we are told, “²²*And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter .* ²³*And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.*” Even though it was winter and cold, Jesus didn’t let the hardship of winter hinder Him. He walked into the temple.

Paul wrote of the hardship of winter, but likewise, he did not have negative comments. He knew that winter was a time that he would have to stop his travels. He sought to find a good place to spend the winter. The ship on which he was a prisoner on the way to Rome had to find a place to spend the winter. 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.*”

Paul wrote to the brethren at Corinth 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.*” He didn’t complain about winter. He made plans for it.

Not only did Paul make plans for the harshness of winter for himself, he had others in mind. II Timothy 4:21, “*Do thy diligence to* *continued on next page...*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher**, **Steve Seaton**, **Shirley Parson**, **Brad Terry**, and **Enola Zigler** (aunt of Mike Burd). **Mark Quigley**, son of Elaine Reynolds, had to have emergency eye surgery for a torn retina. **Caden Crabtree** has been bothered with asthma. **Shirley Parson** has a kidney stone.

—Tonight we will move our Sunday evening service time to 4:00 p.m. until we go back to Daylight Saving Time in March.

—The ladies on-line Bible class will resume this Thursday evening, November 7, at 8:00 p.m., Central time. See **Ruby Edwards** for more information and a book. The class meets on FaceBook Messenger.

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come before winter.” Titus 3:12, “When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.” Paul had decided where he was going to spend winter, and wanted others to come to him there.

The biting cold of winter as well as the blazing heat of summer can be harsh. It will continue this way until the end of time. We are told in 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.”* I take such great comfort in this verse. The devices and fickleness of mankind cannot change the natural cycles the LORD has set up for us.

It stings when I hear someone say they “hate this weather.” It might not be the most comfortable, but better days are always coming. Even the days with the harshest weather are from the LORD and we need to delight in them. Be glad that we are alive and can see and experience the weather of that particular day.

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Sunday, October 27, 2019		
Classes	14	I Peter 3:1-8
Preaching	21	Matthew 13:3-9; 24-30
Contribution	\$844.03	
Evening	17	Matthew 25:31-46
Wednesday, October 30, 2019		
Classes	11	Isaiah 1:1-31

Visitors— Oct 27(PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

The ox knows what?

Last Week’s Answer—To build Him a house
in Jerusalem (II Chronicles 36:23)

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We need to have the attitude toward each day as recorded by the Psalmist in Psalm 118:24, *“This [is] the day [which] the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”* The weather forecast might not always be one of comfort, but the weather is from the LORD and we need to rejoice and be glad in it.

—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)