

Spring: A Time of Renewal

As I sit at my computer desk, I can look out through the windows and see the sun shining, the daffodils blooming, the grass greening, small ripples on the lake and I can hear a chorus of birds. All this serves as a reminder that spring is near. Oh, we'll still have a couple or three "cold" spells, but winter is basically over and spring is here. God's earth is renewing itself.

Just as the earth renews itself, we too need to take a look at our lives and see what we can do to eliminate winter and introduce spring. As Christians, we sometimes fall into habits that are not conducive to Christ-likeness. Spring is a good time to clean our spiritual house, to make those unfruitful practices into practices that will please God and allow us to grow closer to Him. Maybe in the winter we have let Bible study slip by the wayside, now is a good time to recommit to a structured daily Bible study. Maybe we have neglected some of the church services. What better time to redirect our attention to meeting with brothers and sisters in Christ to study his Word, lift up our voices in songs of praise and prayers? Resolve to attend every service to fellowship with fellow Christians and worship our heavenly Father.

If you are not yet a Christian, what better time to put into practice the concepts you have been hearing and studying: hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized and live a Christian life following the example set by Jesus while He was here on this earth. I Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Whatever your status is with God at this moment, Christian or Non-Christian, God offers a time of renewal for you every day. While you are spring cleaning your physical body and surroundings, make time for spiritual renewal. Resolve to spend more time with God and with your spiritual brothers and sisters.

For the elders,
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