

## Things Associated with Spring

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With grass greening, trees budding, flowers blooming and bees buzzing, spring is in full swing! I got to thinking about some things associated with spring and spiritual application that may be made. Thus, we study.

1) **New Birth.** Spring is a time when many of God’s wonderful creatures give birth to their young. Now is the time, if you have not already, to be born spiritually. Jesus taught that entrance into the kingdom requires “...a man be born again...” (Jn. 3:3). This one birth is composed of two elements: “...of water and of the Spirit...” (Jn. 3:5). This occurs as one is immersed in water by the direction of the Spirit through the word of God. Peter said, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever” (1 Pet. 1:23).

2) **Growth and Renewal.** Spring, by definition, is a time or season of growth and renewal. It’s a good time to evaluate our own spiritual growth. The Lord expects us as His children to

be a growing people! “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things...” were the words of Paul to the Ephesians (Eph. 4:15). Peter instructed, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Pet. 2:2). Again he taught, “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...” (2 Pet. 3:18). Let’s dedicate ourselves to growing as the Lord desires.

3) **Cleaning.** Perhaps you have been doing some spring cleaning. Have you thought about cleaning up your life? This is done through the word of God and by the blood of Jesus. The Psalmist asked, “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? ...” The answer: “...by taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Ps. 119:9). Jesus declared, “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you” (Jn. 15:3). “...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 Jn. 1:7). The soul is purified in obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22).

4) **Seedtime.** This is the time when farmers break up the fallow ground and put the seed in the soil; when home gardens are tilled and planted. Have you thought about the need to sow the seed of the kingdom, the word of God (Lk. 8:5-15)? Haggai asked, “Is the seed yet in the barn?...” (Hag. 2:19). If the seed is barn-kept and not soil-planted, there won’t be a crop! We must get the seed out of the barn and put it in the soil! This is what first-century Christians did when they “... went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). As a result, folks were converted and the church was planted in areas where no Christians previously existed!

5) **Be’s.** Have you seen some bees buzzing around? I got to thinking about some spiritual “be’s” that need to be active in our lives. There are a swarm of these in the Bible like: “Be subject” (Rom. 13:1), “Be kind” (Eph. 4:32), “Be of one mind, Be pitiful, Be courteous” (1 Pet. 3:8), “Be humble” (1 Pet. 5:5), “Be faithful” (Rev. 2:10), and on and on it goes.

6) **Flowers.** Flowers are a lovely part of spring. We have enjoyed the daffodils and now the tulips are in full bloom. Did you know that our years are as the life of a flower? Job said, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down..." (Job 14:1-2). The Psalmist recorded, "As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more" (Ps. 103:15-16). Life is soon gone! The Lord used flowers to express His providential care.

"...Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin... Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Mt. 6:28, 30).

7) **Storms.** Often there are storms during this time of the year, some of which may be severe. Have you thought about the fact that the Lord is our rock, in Him we hide, a shelter in the time of storm? The Psalmist declared, "...lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me..." (Ps. 61:2-3).

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms..." (Dt. 33:27).

8) **Gospel Meetings.** During the spring of the year, a lot of churches plan to have a gospel meeting. It's a great opportunity for folks to learn the truth and be edified as the gospel is preached. Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Rom. 1:16).

Let's enjoy this beautiful season of the year and take advantage of the opportunities it brings.

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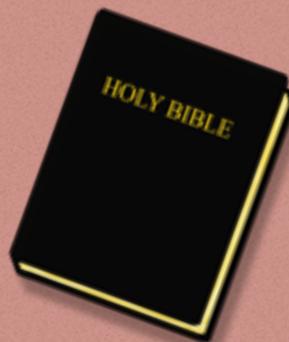
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