

A Snowy Day

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“Snow” occurs 24 times in the Bible. The Lord asked Job, “Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?...” (Job 38:22). Here are some things one might think about “...in a snowy day” (1 Chronicles 11:22).

A Sign Used to Cause Folks to Believe.

When the Lord called Moses to bring forth His people out of Egypt, one of the excuses made by Moses was, “...they will not believe me...” (Exodus 4:1). A sign the Lord gave Moses involves the first record of snow in the Bible: “...Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow” (Exodus 4:6). When “... he put his hand into his

bosom again; and plucked it out...it was turned again as his other flesh” (Exodus 4:7). The purpose of signs like this was, “That they may believe...” (Exodus 4:5).

Respect for God’s Spokesman.

When “... Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses...” (Numbers 12:1), “...the anger of the Lord was kindled against them... and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow...” (Numbers 12:9-10). Christ is the prophet raised up like unto Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22-23), and we need great respect for Him and His word!

The Greed of

Gehazi. When Naaman the leper was cleansed, he urged Elisha, “...take

a blessing of thy servant...but he refused” (2 Kings 5:15-16). Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, went running after Namaan and received of him “two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments...” (2 Kings 5:20-24). Elisha said unto him, “...Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?...And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow” (2 Kings 5:25-27).

Clean Washing.

Job said, “If I wash myself with snow water, and make my hands never so clean...” (Job 9:30). Spiritual cleansing

is represented by snow. Upon his sin with Bathsheba, David's petition was, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7).

Greatness of God's Power. Job 37 expresses God's great power through his wondrous works. "God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength" (verses 5-6). The Psalmist said of the Lord's great power, "He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth

very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes" (Psalm 147:15-16).

The Virtuous Woman. Proverbs 31:10-31 impresses us with a woman with busy hands. She was industrious! Verse 21 says of her, "She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet." Quite a woman, isn't she?

A Great Invitation. The Lord appealed to His people, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be

as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). This would take place as they repented and were obedient to the Lord's word (Isaiah 1:16-17, 19).

The Value of God's Word. The Lord said, "For as the rain cometh down, and snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Snow has lots of value. So, let it snow!

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