



Day 28 - A Change of Seasons

Sunday, December 22, 2019

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and **winter**, day and night will never cease.” (Genesis 8:22)

December 21st at 11:19 pm marked the first day of the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere. This first day of winter is considered the shortest day of the year because of the sun’s position relative to the earth. In fact the word solstice comes from Latin meaning the sun stands still. Indeed the winter is a time where many things in the natural world slow down. Many trees stand bare and dormant until the spring. Many of the animals have stocked up for the winter and remain hidden away in trees or in underground burrows. Insects seem to almost disappear. Even we humans, outside of holiday shopping, restrict most activities to the indoors. Outside, things are cold and may look bleak but the opportunity of the winter season is in its slowing us down and driving us inward. It is a time for rest and also a time to reflect deeply on the people and things we care about. It is a time of great potential for growth and creative planning. Consider the trees that stand bare now, in a few months they will show off a new set of brightly colored leaves. In our scripture above, after the great flood, God said, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” There is a reason for the seasons. Use this season for reflection and growth and thank God for the ultimate reason for this season, Jesus’ birth.

Prayer: “Lord I thank you for the opportunity the winter season brings. Help me to have the right perspective as I go through this season to see your great plans for me. As I look inward, may I see Jesus in my heart and understand the real joy this season brings”.

Pray for God’s continued guidance, protection, provision and success for Cliffard Whitby (Macon-Bibb 2020 mayoral candidate) and the Whitby2020 campaign team and supporters.

Pray that God would grow and increase this movement and energize individuals to co-labor with us for positive change.