

SNOW



For many people, snow is a part of winter. It is very beautiful to see as it covers everything in a blanket of pure white. All of the ugly and dirty things around us are covered in beauty.

When the sun shines on snow it can be blindingly white. It is whiter than anything we

can imagine. If you can see a field or large flat area covered in snow, it looks glorious in its beauty and purity.

Snow gives us the water that we will drink and use to grow our crops for food when it melts in the spring.

What can we learn from God's creation of snow?

Snow teaches us how pure we will be when God purifies us through Jesus with the forgiveness of our sins. The Bible teaches us in Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet (bright red) they shall be as white as snow.'" Thanks to Jesus who gave His life to save us from our sins, our sins will be washed away and we will be as pure white as snow in God the Father's sight.

The Bible teaches us in Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 9-12, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great

compassion blot out my transgressions (sins). Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin ... Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow ... Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me." When God forgives us, our dark sins are washed as white as snow.

Snow is used by God as a word picture of how His Holy Word (the Bible) does the good work God wants it to. We learn this in Isaiah 55:10-11, "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish (grow) so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth. It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the

purpose for which I sent it." Just as God sends snow and rain to give life to all on earth, He also sends His Holy Word to give life to our souls and lead us to faith in Jesus and eternal life in heaven.

Snow gives us an idea of how glorious we will be in heaven. An angel of God was described in Matthew 28:3, "His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were white as snow." In Revelation 1:14 we have a picture of Jesus in heaven, "His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow."

In heaven all will be pure and beautiful and all of the sins and dirt of this life will be washed away. When we see snow, we will have a wonderful picture of the pure glory that is waiting for all who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus lived and died so that we could all share in His eternal joy and glory in heaven. Just as the snow covers all of the ugliness on earth, Jesus love and salvation will cover all the ugliness of our sins.

