

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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Someone reminded me yesterday that in two more months the days will be getting shorter once again. I really didn't want to hear that. My response was, "I'm really grateful for global warming. I mean, just think how cold it would be if it wasn't for the warming." I also heard from a friend in Superior, WI, who reported that they have had 47 inches of snow in April. I guess we can be thankful that we have not had that much.

The thing is, we can really do nothing about the weather. It will be what it will be and we have to cope with it. It certainly humbles us, reminding us that we are not really in charge of our surroundings. It is also true that no matter how much we complain about the weather it will not change a thing. All we can do is prepare for it as best we can. The weather will do whatever it wants to.

It is even more humbling to realize that the weather has no will of its own but is under the authority of another, a higher authority. God said, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, will never cease" (Genesis 8:22). Furthermore the Lord Jesus said, "[God] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matt 5:45). You see, whether we like the weather or not, we are not in charge of it. And, whether we like it or not, we are not the final authority over our lives either, God is. And whether we like it or not, we will have to give an answer to him for the way we have lived our lives. God says, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad" (2 Cor 5:10).

The great thing is, just as we prepare for the seasons and the weather, we can prepare for that coming judgment. God has mercifully sent His Son, Jesus to take our punishment so that we can stand before Him acquitted of all sin. The single condition is that we confess our need of His sacrifice, and believe in our hearts that He will forgive us. If we will, He will. If you have not asked Him before, why not now, today? He is your only hope!

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