

## **AND GOD SAYS . . .**

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As I write this article this morning, I am watching the snow fall outside. It is our biggest snow this winter. The town is dead, with almost no traffic at all. But we are in Wisconsin, and two days ago I was sitting here working on church ministry and I watched the rain pour down. It was raining hard enough that I could hear it pound on the roof.

Although our weather is uncertain, rain or sleet or snow, we are certain of something—we are certain that spring will follow winter, summer will follow spring, fall will follow summer, and then fall will lead to winter once again. You see, we all live by faith that each year the next season will come.

We all live by faith in God's Word, whether we realize it or not. After the world-wide flood of Noah's day, God declares, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22).

So many people today seem to work so hard to find discrepancies in the Bible. They look for the smallest thing to find fault, but to the careful student, to no avail. They make generalizations that have little basis in fact. All the while they ignore the most obvious demonstrations of the reliability and absoluteness of God's Word. They ignore the fact of the seasonal weather changes as well as the fact of morning and evening, as ordered by God in Creation. They ignore the issue of death and that no matter how smart man may think he is, he has never been able to beat death and live forever. In short they ignore the laws of nature which God put in place—the laws they cannot explain but can only accept as true.

Why do they do this? They do it so that they do not have to come under God's authority. They do not want God telling them what to do. The only problem with this is, that whether they accept God's authority or not, he is still in authority. They will die. They will face the judgment. They will have to answer to God. Try as they might to deny it, it is as certain as spring coming after the winter. The only question left to ask is, "Are you ready for the next season, the season of judgment before the Savior, Jesus Christ? Does He know you as His follower?"

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