

"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."
Genesis 8:22 NKJV

1. Consider how the Continuation of the seasons testifies to God's faithfulness.

a. As the seasons have remained through the years, so too God remains faithful.

*Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the womb:
Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.*
Isaiah 46:3-4 NKJV

b. Through the years and in the midst of each season, God is faithful.

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. 2nd Thessalonians 3:3 NKJV

For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Malachi 3:6 NKJV

2. Consider how the Changing of the seasons exemplifies God's mercies.

a. Thankfully, the extreme periods in the seasons are temporal. It is not always hot and humid!

*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,
while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal*
2nd Corinthians 4:17-18 NKJV

b. The enjoyable periods in the seasons are encouraging.

For I am hard pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.
Philippians 1:23 NKJV

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
Therefore comfort one another with these words.*
1st Thessalonians 4:16-18 NKJV

*And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*
Revelation 21:3-5 NKJV

3. Consider how the Characteristics of the seasons symbolize God's purposes.

a. There is a variety of purposes.

b. There is a necessity to each purpose.

c. There is a unity of purposes.

(1) God's purposes for our lives differ.

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it? 1st Corinthians 4:7 NKJV

(2) God's purpose for each life is important.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Philipians 2:12-13 NKJV

(3) God's purposes are designed for our mutual benefit.

*There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.
And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.
But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: [common good]* 1st Corinthians 12:4-7 NKJV

4. Consider how the Ceasing of the seasons emphasizes God's sovereignty.

a. God establishes boundaries.

(1) In creation

*The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.
You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.* Psalms 74:16-17 NKJV

(2) With mankind

*Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, Though the misery of man increases greatly.
For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur?
No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death.* Ecclesiastes 8:6-8a NKJV

b. God preserves and limits.

(1) His power

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. [hold together] Colossians 1:17 NKJV

(2) His Word will endure.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. Matthew 24:35 NKJV