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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7:30 PM (This is  
immediately followed by a  
short worship period)

**First Friday of Each Month**

Singing: 7:30 PM

**LEADERSHIP**

**Elders**

Garry Banks, David Collins,  
John Thompson

**Evangelist**

Adam Litmer

**Deacons**

Troy Antle, Richard Brundige,  
Matt Thompson, Adam  
Litmer, Bill Morelan, Jim  
Parsons, Pat Seabolt, Adam  
Daniels, Jamie Powell

**Note**

Lindsay Morgan was  
scheduled for a C-Section  
at 7 AM this past Friday.

At the time of this  
writing I have not  
received an update. Mike  
and Lindsay came to  
mean so much to this  
congregation. Let's  
rejoice and pray for their  
expanding family.

**Folly In High Places**  
(continued)

Our duty to those who rule over us is clear from Scripture (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15). It is God's will that His children be in subjection to governing authorities for the principle of government was created and established by God Himself (John 19:10-11). However, when any human ruler, whether it be a single person or a body of people, steps across the line and begins to rage against the revealed will of God, you and I have a duty in that instance as well. It is a duty best explained by Peter in Acts 5:29. "*We must obey God rather than men.*"

The path upon which our country is walking leads further and further from God. I believe it is inevitable that Christians in America will more frequently find themselves forced to choose between God and the state. May our God grant us to faith and courage to make the right choices.

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Paul Atkisson, Barbara Matheny, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Vina Krissow, John Bennett, Robert Brundige, Donald Dawson, Gail Stein, Sandy Childress, Susie Burton, Jacob Profit, Valerie and Barry Boyd, Wilma Lawson, Jannett's mother and stepfather, Sandy Driver, Erlene Young, Doris Baker, Bernard Larch, Burnice Richardson, Ann Chrusiel, Janett Brundige's mother, Ruth Poynter, Janice Parsons

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**It Snowed Last Night**

John Thompson

The local meteorologists were right this time. They predicted snow, and it did. They said 6-12 inches, and that is about what we got. How do you feel about snow? I used to love a good-sized snowstorm. Shoveling the driveway was not the most pleasant chore, and since we did not have a garage, cleaning off the vehicles was even less appealing. But I loved the challenge of driving in it. Driving the 30 miles to work and getting there when coworkers who lived much closer and could travel better roads took the day off actually became a matter of pride.

But I am older now, and snow has become very inconvenient and disruptive. Shoveling snow now is not simply an unpleasant chore; I would like to avoid it altogether. I have met the challenge of driving in snow often enough that I don't have to prove anything anymore. And, since I am retired I no longer have a boss to impress by getting to work before she does. So, I find it easy to complain a lot about snow and the trouble it causes, that is, until a glance out of my window reveals a field of unbroken, unspoiled, glistening whiteness. And then I am reminded of some good things about snow.

My father's frame of reference for most things was whether or not it was good for farming. Whenever I would complain about the extra work caused by a heavy snowfall, he would remind me that snow was better for putting moisture into the ground than rain. You see, snow melts slowly from the bottom near the ground. It seeps directly into the ground as it melts and doesn't run off like a heavy rain will do. My mother would add her bit of wisdom, stating that the crystalline structure of snow allows it to bring nutrients with it. Rain apparently does not have this ability. The Old Testament prophet Isaiah, in chapter 55, verses 10-11, first relates the natural benefits of snow and then makes a spiritual application. He wrote:

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Truly snow is a gift from God and part of His plan for the operation of nature. Job needed to be set straight regarding his attitude toward God, so God began to bombard him with questions he could not possibly answer. In Job 38:10 God asks, *“Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail?”* In a psalm praising God for how much He cares for us, and provides for us and protects us, David wrote in Psalm 147:16-17

*He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.  
He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;  
who can stand before his cold?*

Elihu, the youngest of Job’s visitors, praising God for His majesty and great deeds, said in Job 37:5-6, *God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow he says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour.*

So, what do you see when you look out of your window upon your immediate world covered in pristine whiteness? What thoughts do you have about snow as you shovel your driveway, or contend with its messiness while driving to work, or worry about its weight on your roof? Do you ever see snow as a gift from God?

Perhaps the thought that should come most readily to us is the association the Bible makes with the brilliant whiteness of snow and the purity of sinlessness. Isaiah begins his prophecy with a chilling statement about the sad spiritual condition of God’s people. Chapter 1 ends with an appeal for them to cleanse themselves. *“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord; though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the*

*mouth of the Lord has spoken.”* (Isaiah 1:18-20) King David, in his magnificent psalm of remorse and contrition wrote, *Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.* (Psalm 51:7)

“Lord Jesus, look down from Thy throne in the skies,  
And help me to make a complete sacrifice;  
I give up myself and whatever I know:  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.”  
(Verse 2, Whiter Than Snow)

### **Folly In High Places**

Adam Litmer

*“Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ‘Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.’”*

*Psalm 2:1-3*

“Absolute power corrupts absolutely.” I’m not sure who first said those words but I do know that when humans are handed the reigns of authority, particularly authority to govern and punish a large group of people, things do seem to tend in the direction of corruption rather than righteousness. In that respect things have changed little from the time of the psalmist to our day and age.

It would do us all well to keep in mind that setting oneself against the stated will of God is the very height of corruption. Thus, when the rulers and lawmakers of our day, many of whom delight in speaking of their “faith” and how God and His will shapes their decisions, institute laws and dictates that are contradictory or opposed to the revealed will of God they are in essence saying, *“Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”*

As an example of what I am speaking of consider the laws concerning the marriage of homosexuals. By the time my children graduate high school, I would not be in the least surprised were the “lawful marriage” of those who have chosen the path of homosexuality accepted in most, if not all, states. Many praise lawmakers who fight for these marriages as forward thinking, open-minded, and even godly. Sadly, godly is one thing they are certainly not for God’s will in the matter is quite clear (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). >>>>>