

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Psalms 51:7**

## Store In My Heart

**John 5:28-29**

Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

It should be no surprise to those who believe God that He can call all mankind back from death. He is the one who gave life in the first place. Certainly, if He is able to create life, He is able to restore life. Jesus demonstrated such power during his ministry on Earth.

Knowing that God will restore life should give us pause in how we live. God has promised good to all who follow Him but destruction and suffering for those who do not. We must live in a manner that allows us to be prepared for eternity.

Death will not keep us from judgment. We will answer for our deeds. Will I receive life or judgment for my actions?



# Whiter Than Snow

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*"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;"* **Isaiah 1:18**

Do you like snow? Most children do. Their parents do not always like it, though. Whether we like snow or we do not we can all agree that there are lessons we can learn from snow.

## Snow Is Pleasing

We learn that snow is pleasing and refreshing. Listen to this poetic description of snow in **Proverbs 25:13** *"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters."* Read about the worthy woman of **Proverbs 31:21** and how she did not fear the snow because she was prepared. Others who are not prepared know the problems that come with snow and cold.

## Snow Is Purifying

Snow is said to purify or cleanse. We can see this in the song we sing about being *"whiter than snow"* based on **Isaiah 1:18**. It is beautiful to see the white covering the rolling hills. In a way it is more beautiful to see a blanket of white snow covering the garbage and junk cars in an inner city. It is as though the city has been wiped clean. The whiteness is not just the sense of purity but the color itself is something to behold. **Numbers 12:10** compares the whiteness of leprosy to that of snow, *"white as snow."* **Job 9:30** uses it as a symbol of being clean, *"If I wash myself with snow water."*

# Snow Is Productive

Snow is productive or brings forth fruit. It is more than something to look good, to make things look white and clean. It waters the ground. It nourishes the soil. Winters with little snowfalls are often followed by drought. The snow from the top of Mount Hermon is said to be the source of the Jordan River and much of their water supply (cp. **Jeremiah 18:14**). A favorite Bible promise about God's word compares the sending of God's Word to the rain and snow in **Isaiah 55:10**, "*For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:*" God will wipe away your sins if you accept His Word and obey His Will.

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Yes, pure snow is beautiful and bright white. Yet after exposure to this world we live in it becomes dingy and polluted. Once this happens it is no longer beautiful. In fact, it becomes very ugly and we tire of looking at it quickly.

God created man in His image, **Genesis 1:27**, and saw that it was good. Just like freshly fallen snow, man was pure and white in God's eye. But man (and woman) let themselves be exposed to the evil of this world and became stained with sin and wickedness. From that point God has been urging man to return to Him. He provided man with commands and precepts that would allow him to be cleansed so that man could return to Him. He sent Moses and the Law for Israel. He sent prophets, judges, kings, messengers and even His Son.

Through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, we have the opportunity to be "whiter than snow." All we must do is submit to Him and obey His Word. Leave behind the sin-stained life of the past and let Jesus "wash away your sins." DLH

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We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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## For Our Information

**Jim Soliday** is waiting to get his cardiac ablation scheduled.

**Sue Soliday** has been having trouble with her knee.

**Bill Venable** is snowed in. He had about 9 inches and his road was still untraveled as of Saturday evening.

**Tanner Tombly** (Paula Laubach's great nephew) is in remission. Doctors say he will be wheelchair bound, but he is determined he will walk again.

Sunday Evening – **Malachi 2** Wednesday – **John 14**

**Gospel Meeting – April 27-May 1 – Alan Blaylock**

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5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study