

Snowfall — A Blessing

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There are many naysayers of the Bible who seem not to be able to believe that it is a Divine Product from the very mind of God. I think their blindness is more willful than sincere. But for those who **are** sincerely concerned about the question, let me give you another *internal evidence* as proof:

Snowfall. God asked Job a litany of questions, none of which He could answer, thus silencing his criticism of God. So in Job 38:22 we read *"Have you entered the treasury of snow, or have you seen the treasury of hail."* The **KJV** renders "*treasury*" as "*storehouses*." The Hebrew word means "wealth" and includes the idea of "storage" or "a depository." So God is asking Job if he has "*entered the storehouse*" of snow and hail? Job had no idea what God had in mind, but today we have a better idea of what God meant.

Scientifically speaking, snow and hail are minerals! Natural ice counts as a mineral because it has (1) a uniform formula (H₂O), (2) organized structure — hexagonal symmetry, and is (3) formed naturally. These three qualities are used by mineralogists to define what is a "mineral."

Surprisingly, to this day there is still some discussion about what value snowfall has in it, though everyone agrees that it has some. The website "sciencedirect.com" speaks of snowfall studied in Greenland as having "a high contribution for the muscovite-illite" mineral. Plainly speaking, snowfall is a natural fertilizer, whose value varies depending on the density and circumstances of each particular event.

The book of Job is dated to 1900-1700 B.C., and even liberal scholars date it no later than 400 B.C. — and I can assure you there was no scientific knowledge or evidence for the "*treasury*" found in snow and hail back then! So how did this tidbit of information come to us through this book? The answer is simple if you can receive it: **DIVINE REVELATION**. Read Job 38 and see even more scientific foreknowledge in that one chapter alone! And remember, dear reader, that the Bible came from God.