

Fall Is Officially Here!

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The beautiful colors of autumn are unmistakably all around us -- golden browns and yellows, fading greens, deep crimson reds, and many hues in between -- all signaling to us the arrival of fall, and the end of another productive summer. Crops have grown and have been harvested. Nature has announced to all the vegetation that another season of growth is past, and winter's death is soon to come!

I love the colors of autumn, the musky smell of fallen leaves, and the brisk, cool air that tells us frost is about to strike. I like the sense of accomplishment in nature that it brings. I love the way it tells all of us that it is once again time to slow down, reflect, and review the past -- while warning us at the same time to prepare for winter.

God's manifold wisdom is seen abundantly in nature because everything has a design and a purpose! It is no different in any particular season. Naturally, I am not fond of winter because it presages our own impending death. But every winter when the trees are barren and dead, and color is absent, I am reminded that one day my own lifeless, colorless body will lie still and sullen in the grave. Prepare for winter, my friend. Prepare! "You shall come to the grave at a full age, as a sheaf of grain ripens in its season" Job 5:26

So when autumn arrives each year I naturally think of nature's death just around the corner. If it were not for that, I would absolutely love autumn. Still, my heavenly Father knows best, and there are many wonderful lessons to be learned just now. Do not squander one season of the year!

Solomon must have reflected upon such these as these, and by inspiration he penned these words:

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted" Ecclesiastes 3:1-2.

These words aptly describe the autumn season. Everything is beautiful in its own time and place in nature. What have you learned in life from nature's wonders?

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