

# The Changing Seasons

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**Spring** officially arrived on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 1:57 p.m. CDT. It is one of my two favorite seasons because it “brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of flora and fauna” (*The Old Farmer’s Almanac*). Who wouldn’t appreciate that after winter’s “death”? It rejuvenates my spirit, makes me look forward to **Summer**, and allows for things to be done outside — grow plants and vegetables, watch nature come to life, and enjoy recreation outdoors.

The changing seasons are part of God’s creation, and as Genesis 8:22 says after the flood: “*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.*” Those who worry about global warming can take heart! God is still in control.

On the first day of **Spring** — the vernal equinox — day and night are each approximately 12 hours long. The sun crosses the celestial equator going northward; it rises exactly due east and sets exactly due west. Think about *how long* this season has been coming around reliably in human history and then tell me that there is no design or Designer in the universe!

The seasons *change* because of shifting sunlight (not heat), which is determined by how our planet orbits the sun and the tilt of its axis.

The Bible is not as consumed with the seasons as you and I may be. God admonishes us to obey the Gospel **now** (2 Cor. 6:2), do with your might what you can **today** because there’s no opportunity in the grave (Eccl. 9:10), “*redeeming the time*” (Eph. 5:16), and “walk” while you have the light (Jn. 12:35). These things are to be done regardless of the weather conditions!

*“Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness”* (Acts 14:17). Therefore, **God is!**

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