

## Don't Miss Out On Winter's Blessing

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**Winter** is my least favorite season of the year. Cold, dark, deadened nature, shortened daylight — it is enough to make one depressed and sad. It has this affect on others as well. How many of us let this keep us from taking advantage of the first months of the year?

**Winter** is a blessing from God because it is nature's "Sabbath" rest. It is rejuvenating itself for a beautiful, wondrous **Spring** day when everything comes to life again — trees, shrubs, and grass turn a verdant green, the blue sky and white clouds are filled with the singing of birds, and the noise of human activity abounds again. Spring returns as a kind of "natural resurrection" just as surely as Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week so many centuries ago (Matt. 28:1ff)!

So what can we do **now** at this time of year? Well, since you're not out mowing the lawn, or trimming the shrubs and trees, or planting a beautiful garden, you have time to read and study God's Word. While it is pitch black in the early morning, nothing keeps you from arising to a rich cup of coffee, and a quiet hour to read God's Word, or study a Bible class lesson, or meditate on the meaning of life. It is a time when you can be thankful the blessings of the past year, and in anticipation of the blessings of life in the coming year. You see, dear reader, your soul needs *rejuvenating* too! And since "faith" is the strength of the soul, and faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17), you have before you the golden opportunity to read, reflect and prioritize your life in **the dead of winter!**

So whether it's winter, spring, summer or fall, you live in the best of times — the Gospel Age. Please take advantage of your blessings!

***"And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur." (Zechariah 14:8 NKJV)***

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