Spring Is Here!

by Wayne Goff

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" ~ Genesis 8:22.

Spring *officially* arrived Thursday, March 19, at 11:49 p.m. The high temperature was 72 degrees, so today's temperature may feel more like winter. The weather channel described well the difference between winter snow and spring snow, and much of it is due to more direct sunlight now that the earth is turning back toward the sun in the northern hemisphere.

This is great news for those of us who love the great outdoors but not the frigid temperatures. But more than that it is a testimony to God's Word that has been spoken since the beginning of time – at least 6,000 years, and possibly as long as 10,000 years (Genesis 8:22)!

Those who argue that we must "save our planet," and "global warming is going to destroy us" do not believe that God is in control. They believe that we are in control and that we must do something now. But I have never been an advocate of that philosophy.

Yes, we are to be "stewards" of the beautiful planet God has given us to be home for a little while. And as responsible human beings who have been given authority over all "...the earth (to) subdue it; (and) have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth" (Genesis 1:28). Dear friends and brethren, the earth has been created <u>by</u> God <u>for</u> us! Let us appreciate it, enjoy it, take care of it, and be blessed by it!

"In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good. Truly the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun" (Ecclesiastes 11:6-7).

"... And preach to you that you should turn ... to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 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 14:15-17).

351201