

# What About ...

# SNOW

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My grandchildren and I love the winter snow here in Michigan. Of course, they like to play in it. But I love how it makes everything so white. I was amazed that there were quite a few verses about snow in the Bible.

**Snow Comes from God.** *For to the snow He says, "Fall on the earth" (Job 37:6). When describing His power, God asked Job, "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow ... which I have reserved for the time of distress, for the day of war and battle?" (Job 38:22-23). The Psalmist, when praising the mighty acts of God, says, "He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes. He casts forth His ice as fragments; Who can stand before His cold?" (Psalm 147:16-17). If God makes it cold, no one can make it warm.*

**Snow Illustrates the Reliability of God's Word.** *Fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word (Psalm 148:8). Sometimes, when there is no snow in November and even in December, I think, "Oh, no! There won't be any snow this year!" But there is always snow every winter. It's part of the seasons God created in the beginning (Genesis 1:14). It's so sure, the writer of Isaiah uses snow as an illustration of the reliability of God's Word. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there*

*without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11). Where does the snow go when it melts? Into the ground. Imagine keeping all the snow from going into the ground. Impossible. That's how sure God's Word is. It will be accomplished, as sure as melted snow soaks into the ground.*

**Fear of Snow.** The excellent wife of Proverbs 31 ... *is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet (verse 21). One thing about snow—you need to dress for it. If you don't have warm clothes, then snow is a reason to fear.*

**Wrong Time for Snow.** *Like snow in summer and like rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool (Proverbs 26:1). Think of sitting out on the beach in your swim suit in the summer, enjoying the warm sunshine—and suddenly the snow starts to fall! No way!! So don't give honor to a fool.*

**Whiter than Snow.** One of the more known verses about snow describes God cleansing us from our sins. *"Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow ..."*

(Isaiah 1:18). In my opinion, the worst stain is from something red—kool aid, wine, catsup, spaghetti sauce. You might as well throw those stained clothes away. That's what our sins are like. There's no getting the stain of sin removed by ourselves. But God, through the death of Christ on the cross, has washed us and removed the scarlet red of our sins. Only He could do that. *Purify me ... and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Psalm 51:7).*

The whole point of describing snow is to think of its whiteness. Yet, when God washes us from our sins that are as scarlet, we become **whiter** than snow!

**God's Appearance Is White as Snow.** The whiteness of snow is used to describe God the Father. Daniel said, *I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow ... (Daniel 7:9). At His Second Coming, Jesus is described as: And His appearing was like lightning, and His clothing as white as snow (Matthew 28:3). His head and His hair were white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire (Revelation 1:14). Compared to us, whose sins make us red as scarlet, who need to be washed and made clean, **God Himself IS white as snow.** There is no unclean thing in Him.*

