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The Changing Of The Seasons

1. We all love to go through those times, when things seem to be the best; or when we seem to have the least of problems; when it seems as though we have least fights or resistance from the devil. We would probably refer to this time as our spiritual springtime. In the springtime, we usually have pleasant temperatures; and usually have moderate amounts of rainfall; but the cold temperatures are gone for the most part. It is probably our most pleasant season of the year. We go through times in our lives, when it seems as though the devil has departed; when it seems as though he has decided to leave us alone; or that he has given up. Let me assure you, the devil will never give up his fight against God's children, until he is cast into the fires of Hell. Yet let us never forget, that Jesus has defeated Satan forevermore, on the cross of Calvary. And no matter how hard the devil may fight against us, let us never forget that we have far more power through the name of Jesus, than he will ever have. Jesus told us in Luke 10:18-19: "**And He said unto them, *I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***" This means we, as children of God, have complete power over Satan and over every single demon of Hell, that may ever come against us. Jesus also told us in Mark 16:15-18: "**And He said unto them, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.***" But let us never forget, that when Jesus gave this news to his disciples, and to every Christian, that He was referring to such actions being performed, as one is led by the Holy Spirit of God to do so. Even though we as Christians, have the spiritual ability within us to do just as

Jesus said, we must be led by the Spirit of God as we perform such actions. The reason why I take time to say such, is because there are so many Christians, who believe they can just live their lives in any manner they desire, and still have authority over the devil; and they end up having their lives destroyed by the forces of evil. And there are others, who believe that they can just speak in other tongues, any time they take a notion; or at any time they desire. They may be able to do so, but their power to do so is most certainly not from God. In order to be able to speak in other tongues, and it be as Jesus was referring to in the scripture above from Mark's gospel, one must be led by God's Holy Spirit. In fact, to be from God, it must be the Holy Spirit who does the speaking through us. We are only the vessels. And the Holy Spirit does not give us the power to do such just any time we take a notion to do so; but only when He knows that there is a need for such. One can believe as they desire, but I am basing my words on what I know that the Spirit of God has spoken to me concerning this matter in the past. Also, a Christian cannot just go around laying hands on any sick person they desire; whether it be one we may love very much, or a neighbor, or a friend, or whoever; and say for certain that they know that the sick person is going to recover. God's Spirit must have his part in all of it. In order to know for certain that a sick person is going to recover, when we lay hands upon them, they must first have their heart in right relationship with God; all sins repented of; and then we, along with them, can claim this promise of Jesus. Many times we do not know, how many times before that God has given the sick person a chance for repentance; and they have ignored his opportunities that He has given them. So let us always be led by God's Holy Spirit, when carrying out the words of Jesus. And there are also so many Christians, that say they believe the Word of God, yet when it comes to any encounter with Satan, they never show any resistance against him at all. God's Word plainly tells us, that we have been given all power and authority over Satan. Yet so many Christians will never open their mouth to him. What did Jesus do when He was encountered by Satan? He always spoke to him; and it was not words of begging, or pleading; but words of command and authority. Remember Jesus' words in Matt. 4:10: "Then said Jesus unto him, ***Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.***" How many times as a Christian, have you spoke these first four words out of your mouth? Ever? You certainly have the authority to do so. No wonder so many Christians never get out of the wintertime in their spiritual life. We say we believe the Word of God, but we act like we are afraid to speak to the devil. It is time that we begin to walk in

the authority that Jesus gave unto us; for times on the earth are not going to get better in the spiritual realm, but get worse. It's time to change to a better season. Every Christian ought to have Satan and every demon spirit running as fast as they can run, to get away from us. But instead, Satan has so many Christians so scared, that they are running to try and get away from him. They act like they had rather be beaten half to death by Satan, than to use the authority which Jesus gave to every one of his children. How many bad seasons we could escape, if we would only read God's Word, and act as though we believe it.

2. So many times, the seasons that we are going through in our lives, are to draw us closer to our blessed Savior. If we never went through any bad seasons, we would never have any reason to pray. God must let us go through different seasons in our life, in order that we might learn to trust Him more. When we go through those times in our lives, when it seems as though God is so far away, we learn to look to Him in prayer, and draw closer unto Him. We must learn that He is always right by our side, whether we feel Him or not. We know this to be true, because He told us in Matt. 28:19-20: ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*** We are also told in Heb. 13:5: “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” As long as we remember and believe these promises of Jesus, we do not ever have to worry about being alone. This will help the seasons of our life to be much brighter, and more comfortable.

3. We also go through those seasons in our lives, when it seems as though God has forgotten all about us; when it looks as though he is not at all concerned about our needs. But let us always remember his promise which He gave us in Phil. 4:19: “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” He also told us in Matt. 7:7-8: ***“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”*** God has promised to supply all of our needs; every single one. But what is our part in all of this? Ask, believe, and receive by faith.

4. Many times we go through seasons in our lives, when it just seems as though everything that can go wrong, does. It seems like we barely get one

matter taken care of, before something else goes wrong. We get started off to having such a great day, and then the car will tear up, or the lawnmower will not start, or we find out that we are going to have to replace the kitchen stove, or the washing machine breaks down, and then the air-conditioner quits working, and the list just goes on and on. We must realize, that this is Satan's job; to try and discourage us; in any way he possibly can. Anything that he can do to get us upset and our eyes off of Jesus, and our eyes upon our problems. If we are not careful, before long he will have us so discouraged and upset, that we will be in a mood, to where we don't care whether we pray or not, whether we go to church or not, whether we read our Bible or not, or do anything else, that is required of us as a Christian. This is the time that we ought to just stop in our tracks, remember the authority that we have through Jesus' name, and tell Satan to get his filthy hands off of our life. For we are God's chosen people, covered in the blood of Jesus, and have all authority over him through the name of Jesus. And as Jesus said, "***Get thee hence, Satan.***" For all that Satan is doing, is trying to get us to give up, and go back to the world's style of living. When Jesus told us in Luke 10:18, that He beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven (or from the heavens), He was telling us that to Him, Satan was no more than a streak of lightning that had fallen from power forevermore. As a matter of fact, a streak of lightning would have more power in it, than Satan would have against us, if we would only stand against him in Jesus' name; and not ask him, but command him, to get behind us in the name of Jesus. I cannot understand why it is so hard for Christians to figure it out, when Satan starts to try and tear them apart. It is not our neighbor doing it to us, or our brother or sister, but Satan himself. When bad things start to happen, we need to watch out; for Satan is on the warpath again. We need to realize that we have only one enemy; and that enemy is Satan. Our enemy is not our neighbor, or our brother, or our sister, or our wife or husband, but Satan. Remember what God told us in Eph. 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." I recall one time out in the parking lot of a local grocery store; an older woman got mad as fire at me, for nothing at all. She accused me of causing her to have to park further from the store, and I had only been parked in the spot for maybe thirty seconds. And she came out with a grocery cart full of groceries. How could I of caused her to have to park further away? Maybe someone else caused her to have to do so, but it certainly was not me. And she began her fussing, and making accusations, and all such kinds of evil

speaking. And then I remembered this verse which we have just read, so I just turned and walked away, and went into the store. All that was going on, was Satan had influenced this woman to start going on with her ridiculous talk, in order to try and ruin my day. But I refused to allow him to do so. Let us always remember when things such as this begins to happen to us, that it is only an attack of Satan. Let us never forget that people are not our enemy; but Satan and his evil forces. When everything starts to go wrong, just start praising the Lord Jesus, and tell Satan to get behind you in Jesus' name; and he'll soon be in flight; straight back to Hell where he came from.

5. Another thing which so many times, causes us to feel like we're in the middle of the wintertime of our life, is sickness and disease. There is much sickness in our world today, and many times Christians go through just as much of it, or perhaps even more, than the lost people do. Why is this? The main reason why, is because of unbelief. Let us remember what Isaiah prophesied back in Isa. 53:5: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed." And as Peter looked back, he also told us in 1 Peter 2:24: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Notice that Peter said, "*ye were healed;*" not we are going to be, or we may of been; but we *were* healed. Positively! A past matter; not something yet to come. By Jesus' stripes it is for certain. The matter has already been taken care of, by the stripes which Jesus bore on his back. We are also told in Matt. 8:16-17: "When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with his Word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Jesus has already taken every sickness and disease that has ever existed, or that shall ever exist, and paid for them by his stripes. He done it for every one of us. All we must do, is believe it, and receive our healing by faith. So many people are so sick that they are barely alive; and so many Christians people have so many diseases; and they cannot seem to ever get any better. Why? Because they will not believe the Word of God. They either refuse to believe that Jesus even still heals at all; or that He will not heal everyone; and this hinders the hand of God from moving in their life, and from healing their body. We must believe and receive healing by faith, just as we receive every other blessing from God. He still heals today, He still heals every single person who will believe and allow Him to heal them, and He desires to heal you! Do not remain in the winter season of your life,

