

The New Testament Church
Treasures of Snow – Job 38:22
On-line Exhortation
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I The Scriptures speak of the “Treasures of Snow”

- A. Job 38:22 – *have you entered the treasury of snow... or seen the treasury of hail...*
1. God is revealing to Job His sovereignty in the majesty of His creation
 2. Job is the oldest book in the Bible – between 2000 to 1500 BC
 3. It was written in the middle east where there is desert today, yet it mentions snow, ice and frost more than any other book! Why? Because it was just after the ice age!
- B. Let’s begin with some interesting facts...
1. Snow covers 23 percent of the earth’s surface – some areas permanent, others vary...
 2. Snow flakes form naturally, from the properties already in water molecules
 3. The size and shape of snow crystals depend on temperature and amount of water vapor
 4. However, the *design* of the snowflakes unmistakably points to the Creator (Ro. 1:20)
 5. Johannes Kepler was the first scientist to write about snow crystals in 1611.
 6. Wilson Alwyn Bentley, born in Vermont in 1865, was the first to photograph them. He was actually called the “snowflake man.”

II So what could be the treasures of snow?

- A. Job 37:6 - **Design** – *For He says to the snow, ‘fall on the earth’* - God is the creator
1. There are so many different kinds it appears to be infinite – no two alike?
 2. Scientists have been able to copy them in laboratories – their beauty is stunning
 3. Evolutionists often say that since the spontaneously form, it proves no God is needed
 4. But the properties within water were put there already... hmmm – God the creator!
- B. Isaiah 55:10-11 – **Natural fertilizer** – *For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*
1. Snow is called “white gold” because of its indispensable water storage capacity
 2. It “aids in maintaining the planet’s chemical cycles returning elements in its nuclei back to the ocean and lands from which they were leached by rivers to the ocean” (HMorris)
- C. Exodus 4:6 – **Healing** – *‘Put your hand inside your cloak.’ So he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was diseased, resembling snow’*
1. Moses then returned his hand and it was healed.
 2. Snow is used for leprosy for Miriam and Naaman, but pointing to healing
- D. **Forgiveness** – perhaps the strongest and most meaningful spiritual symbol for snow
1. Job 9:30 – *If I wash myself with snow water...*
 2. Psalm 51:7 – *... wash me, and I will be whiter than snow*
 3. Isaiah 1:18 – *Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...*
 4. Forgiveness from God and to each other covers our sin like snow covers the ground
 5. The hymn “Whiter than Snow”, written by James Nicholson in 1872, depicts this well!