

Bits of Home Chat: Spring has sprung, and that's great! The only problem, so far, is that our daffodils were in full bloom when the snowstorm hit on our 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The snow was heavy enough to flatten them and cold enough to destroy the stems and the blooms, so we only have three that survived. Having some snow on March 16<sup>th</sup> is not unusual but having that after the flowers are up so far, and having that kind of storm, was not normal. Our weather patterns have really changed over the years, and we have heard, through Institute for Creation Research, that it is still from the Earth responding to the worldwide flood! They have podcasts, books, and other media to inform others as to how that is working. We were surprised, but this is God's way of countering the Global Warming scare.

God is still in control, and we know that the Earth does have an end, according to this scripture: 2Peter 3:10 *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* There will be a new Heaven and a new Earth! All sin will be gone, all saints in Glory!

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Most of you probably already knew that scripture, but if you are not familiar with it, please write back to us and ask for more scripture on the end times and the passing away of this Earth. As a matter of fact, if there is anything you need answers about, please feel free to ask. We have some info from David Cloud that usually has good insight into Bible answers. If we are not certain of an answer, we will reach out to someone who knows scriptural interpretation better than we do. There is a local man, an evangelist, who has explained some hard-to-understand passages while preaching. God gave him a special ability.

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Speaking of Special abilities, are you allowing God to have all of you? You have special abilities too. They may not even show to others, but in God's hands, they will fit perfectly into His body, doing the work of the church. (The church, in this sense, is believers in general) Remember that God desires to use you. He rewards and blesses dedicated servants, if not now, He will reward you in Glory!

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In order to serve Him with your whole person, you must be a clean vessel, so keep under your flesh, stay in the Word and in prayer, and seek God for direction. If you failed in the past and are knocked down, like our daffodils, get in the Sonshine, turn it all over to God for forgiveness, seek Him for wisdom, and get up and go on, like the three daffodils in the yard!

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Oh, yes, and I told you about the peepers; they are alive and well, both in Big Run and here. I went outside the other night and got serenaded by them. That was a sure sign that spring is here! Yeahhhhhh! We need to get outside and start trimming trees and bushes, get out the chairs for on the deck, etc. I am not certain that will all happen

because Carl's feet have been causing him pain, and his eye is not seeing well at all, due to the enlarged blood vessels on the retina. We appreciate your prayers and thank you from the depths of our hearts. God is hearing and answering! In Christ's love, Earleys

*Memory or Focal Verse:* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

*Verses to Ponder:* Romans 12:2; I Thessalonians 2:12 and 5:4-5; I Peter 2:9; II Timothy 1:9;

Romans 12:4-5; I Corinthians 12:12-18