

## “Why Do the Clouds Melt?”

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It was cold, and the frost had coated the ground, leaving the blades of grass to appear like crystals. It was an impressive sight as I stood at my window warm, sipping coffee in my suit before we left for Sunday Bible study. As I contemplated what I was to preach that morning, my youngest came to me, looking to the frozen world outside, and asked, “Daddy, why do the clouds melt?” The world through the eyes of a child is full of wonder and amazement. My child thought the ice resulted from melting clouds as if the clouds were floating scoops of ice cream. I then taught him that it was just frost, but he taught me something, too.

We left earlier than most to attend the morning Bible study before worship. I thought we are God’s children, and we attend Bible study to learn and ask similar questions. I wonder how God smiles down upon us when we ask questions that appear difficult to us but cute to Him in His incredible wisdom. God Himself teaches us great things through His Word. “I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me” (Psalm 119:102 NKJV). So, rejoice that we can learn from the Creator Himself! “How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103). Gathering together for your Bible study is an answer to a craving. The Bible study is a sweet craving that is full of nourishment. “Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way” (Psalm 119:104).

I shudder to think about what will happen when we stop wanting to learn or ask questions. Questions need to be answered from God’s word and by His disciples. Where would humanity then seek to obtain the truth? We must be asking our heavenly Father to provide the nourishment and teaching. “Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name” (Psalm 86:11). But if humanity stops gathering to learn the truth and stops asking the Father, who will they ask? Suppose it is not from the Father of lights who has no variation or a shadow of turning (Jas 1:17); then it is from satan because we cannot serve both, but either or. “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt 6:24).

As Christians, we have chosen to be enslaved to righteousness and not enslaved to the destructive world that we live in. Remember, we live in this world but are not conformed to it (Rom 12:2).

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. (Rom 6:16–18)

Make an effort to assemble to study God’s word together and to speak to the Father together. Let us all look forward to the assembly of the saints so we can ask our Father questions and ponder them together in Bible study. Let us be as children again, with eyes of wonder and amazement, asking the Father questions, such as “Daddy, why do the clouds melt?” “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb 10:24–25).