

LWML Texas District

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Mediation

Longing and Hope

February is the coldest month of the year in Texas. If it's going to snow in central or southern Texas, it will most likely happen in February. As we look outside, we frequently see gray skies with overcast clouds, and hope and long for the inevitable bright sunny days ahead. We wear our heavy coats, gloves, and hats, and hope for the day when shorts, sandals, and t-shirts are the appropriate attire. We long for the days of perfect weather.

What about our faith? What do we hope for with our faith? There are seasons of gray skies and despair. There are seasons where we long for the return of our Savior. We long for the bright skies of heaven. Just as we rely on the earth seasons to change, so we can trust in God's unchanging nature to guide us home.

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him (2 Corinthians 5:1–9).

We know our home is with God. We can find hope that whatever happens here on earth is only temporary, and what is of God is eternal.

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