

Pastor Will Sohnchen
Sermon Outline – January 18, 2009
“Seasons of the Heart” - Spring

Review:

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Fruitfulness implies that there is a seasonality to our life.

In this series we want to begin to have an awareness of and sensitivity to the seasons of our soul.

Psalm 88 - An illustration of the winter season of the heart

In the winter season of the heart it seems like:

- My theology and my experience are far apart
- I’m all alone
- Death is close

In the winter season of the heart:

- Faith is built
- Pruning takes place
- There is the anticipation of Spring

Springtime:

Text: Isaiah 35: 1– 10

The image of barrenness transformed into abundance.

It is a picture of “Springtime”... it brings with it a feeling of joy!

In the Springtime Season of the Heart there comes...

1. An _____ renewal (vs. 3-4)

“Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”

2. A _____ renewal (vs.5-6)

“Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.”

3. A _____ renewal (vs. 8)

“And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.”

The Springtime is a time for...

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“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.”

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