

JLH Women's Saturday Devotions

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Will He See His Shadow?

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As a child growing up I can remember being excited about Ground Hog Day. If you're not familiar with this day let me briefly explain. Ground Hog day is a superstition, a man made celebration which takes place annually on February 2nd in the US and Canada. This superstition started over 132 years ago in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania using a rodent named after the city (Punxsutawney Phil) to predict the weather. If the ground hog comes out it's hole and sees its shadow this means six more weeks of winter. If it does not see its shadow, it will be an early spring. The reason I looked forward to ground hog day as a child was for one reason. I wanted a snow blizzard so I can be out of school for a week. I would go to the window at night, look up at the stars and say " Stars fall like snow when the ground hog see it's shadow." I wasn't a Christian as a youth but surrendered when I was 33years old. I'm so glad I grew up and put away childish things and understanding Jesus is whom I depend on for everything. Amen!

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, (woman) I put away childish things.

There were thousands that traveled to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania yesterday morning at 7:25am waiting intensely in the freezing weather for "Phil " to come out it's hole to predict there'll be six more weeks of winter. But in Staten Island another ground hog named " Chuck " predicts the US would have an early spring. Are they serious? Ladies, ***whose report are we going to believe?*** Many of the fans were dressed like ground hogs, waving US flags, cheering these animals, chanting it's names, rejoicing at the rodents predictions and waiting for an interview. They claimed it's just a fun experience, but satan had them worshipping a creature.

First of all, ***Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before Me." - 1Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion. - Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.***

As I watched the news the thought came to my spirit, how they magnified a creature, lifting it up as they read the declaration of Phil's prediction not acknowledging God the creator. The Lord made the heavens and the earth, the rain and snow, He knows how many hairs on our heads, our thoughts. He knows our forecast. He knows when the sun will shine and when the darkness will cover the earth, He created Spring, Winter, Summer and Fall He knows it ALL. ***Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season.....Read Isaiah 55:8-11***

Over three thousand years ago, God told Noah to build an Ark and put his family in it because the LORD was sending rain to wipe out the world, It rained over 40 days and 40 nights and the water stayed on the land more than a year.

After the flood, Noah used two animals a raven that didn't come back, its doesn't explain why, maybe it had plenty to eat all the dead things from the flood. Then Noah sent out a dove a few times but it would keep coming back. But finally one day, the dove came back with a dry olive leaf, a sign the water was dried up. I say this to show you Noah didn't glorify the dove making the dove a national holiday, he Glorified God and the LORD gave us a promise " the Rainbow," He would never to flood the earth again.

Genesis 8:8-12 Then Noah sent out a dove to see if the water level had fallen below the surface of the land. But the dove found no place on which to rest the sole of her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were [still] on the face of the entire earth. So he reached out his hand and took the dove, and brought her into the ark. He waited another seven days and again sent the dove out from the ark. The dove came back to him in the evening, and there, in her beak, was a fresh olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water level had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, but she did not return to him again.

After watching enough of these ground hogs, regardless if it rains, sleet or snow for six more weeks, Are we prepared and excited for Jesus Coming? Are we dressed liked Him, Were we up early praying and calling on Jesus? He's coming back, and no man knows the hour. Will Jesus see His image in us to take us back with Him? Don't let a ground hog predict your journey. God Bless.

**Ground Hog Day is a tradition superstition, but JESUS CHRIST is the real deal, He's God.
Will He be able to see Himself in us? Let's get ready for His coming. Be encouraged!**