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SNOW DAYS

And Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a man of valor from Kabzeel, a man of many exploits. He struck down two champions of Moab, and on a snowy day he went down into a pit and killed a lion. He also struck down an Egyptian, a huge man. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club, snatched the spear from his hand, and killed the Egyptian with his own spear.

~2 Samuel 23:20-21

With the recent snow and ice, I began thinking about how many times snow is mentioned in the Bible. What is your guess? (Answer to this trivia question is on the back page).

Well, I am no Bible scholar, but I recalled at least 15 or so times, depending on translation. Several times throughout Psalms, Proverbs, Isaiah, Job, and the one that keeps going through my mind is in 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles. This portion of scripture briefly mentions a man named Benaiah. Little is said about him, but from these few verses you gather a firm grasp of the sort of man he was. He was a valiant warrior who struck down Moab's two mightiest military men. He killed a huge ferocious Egyptian warrior by outmaneuvering him and slaying him with his own spear. Scripture also mentions, "He was a doer of great deeds." The part about this fearless warrior that would not escape my thoughts, was the snippet about him that declares, "He went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion." WHAT???

Well, I don't know about you but never one time has wrestling a lion on a snow day even entered my mind. What on earth possessed him to do that? I'll tell you right now if I see a 500lb, man-eating beast that surely has the advantage on snowy, slippery surfaces, I know my gut reaction would be to run as far and as fast as I could or possibly to cower down in the dark recesses of the pit and pray for a Daniel moment where the Lord shuts the lions mouth.

Not Benaniah. Scripture does not say why he did it. We can only guess. We do know it was no accident. The Word says, "he went," which tells me he had every intention to descend into this dangerous situation. This man was a Lion Chaser. Perhaps he was protecting a nearby village from this carnivorous beast or maybe he was a thrill seeker on an ego trip. Whatever the case this brave feat along with the other gallant acts gained him the reputation as a fearless warrior, who was honored among King David's "Mighty Men." Though he may not have chosen to do what was considered to be the wisest choice among the common man, he was honored for standing firm on what he was commissioned to do for the king.

We to have been given a commission from our King, the "Great Commission." This was Jesus' final command to his disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations." We are to stand firm on our faith, sharing the hope of Jesus to all, giving our full allegiance to the one who has removed all our sins and washed us white as snow.



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O Precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
~Robert Lowry

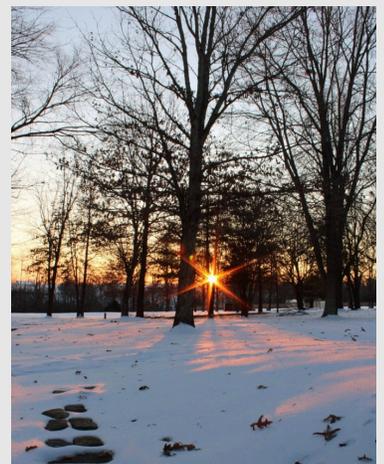
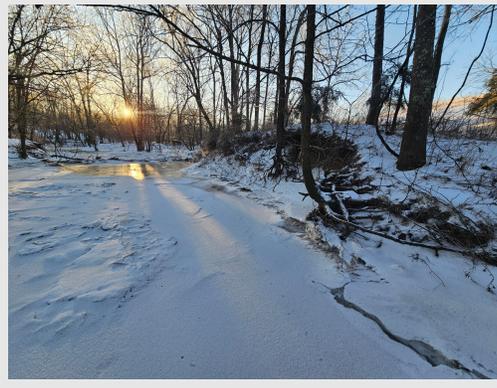


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•Till the whole world knows•



Photos taken on the Deering farm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Food Distribution:

February 13th and February 27th

Volunteer Opportunity:

If the food distribution is a blessing to you or you have a heart to serve, please consider helping us out on a distribution day. See Tonya for more information and ask for a volunteer application. This ministry is not possible without our volunteers.

Workdays:

We do not have any specific workdays planned for February, but we are always sending out spontaneous workday notifications to the volunteers. If you want to be a part of that notification let me know.

Trivia Answer:

Snow is mentioned in the Bible 20-25 times depending on translation.

Bonus Points awarded if you could state them all. :)

Ministry Need:

As you well know, we have been saving for blacktop. Because of your generosity in just a few short months we have received a little over \$11,000.00 in donations to put toward blacktop. If you would like to contribute to helping with the blacktop fund, you may do so through any of the ways listed below in the white box.

If you would like to partner with us to fund a missionaries stay in the Mission House or if you would like to become a monthly supporter of Open Doors Missions Relief, you may also use the ways below. Please state where you would like your support to go.

We are collecting gently used items for the annual fund-raising yard sale, which is tentatively set for May 2026.

Prayer Needs:

We ask for prayer for our family and the volunteers of this ministry to be valiant doers of good for God. It is my prayer that as we face hardships and obstacles we do so with boldness and unwavering loyalty to our King, High Priest, and Savior Jesus. And that we always take seriously the commission He has set before us.



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ODMR Food Distribution

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20

With Love and Prayers
Founders of ODMR,

Rob & Tonya Deering