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GROWING IN GRACE

“The Many Weathers of March (and Life)”

A 1670 collection of English proverbs by J. Ray says, “March is the month of many weathers.” While that is not the case everywhere in the world, it certainly is here in East Tennessee. March may well be the most mercurial month of the year. On a single day in March it is possible, even probable, to experience rain, snow, sleet, and hail. One March day can be warm and sunny while the next brings showers of snow. And, of course, there is the well-known saying: “If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb; if it comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion.” Perhaps, then, March is most like life.

Like March weather life often vacillates dramatically, not only over its course but also within a small span of time. On any given day life can bring a full range of experiences and emotions on opposite ends of the spectrum. Health and sickness, gain and loss, triumph and tragedy, pleasure and pain, joy and sorry, etc. can “turn on a dime,” so to speak. How the day begins may not be how the day ends. As in March, so too in life, there are “many weathers.” It has been said, “The only constant of life is change.” Of course change can be both welcomed and dreaded. So how does one cope and deal with life, in whole or in part, in the absence of “settled weather”?

The beginning place is to be reminded that while life can be full of unexpected change, our Great God never changes. Here are three Bible promises:

- 1) *“I the Lord do not change”* (Mal. 3:6);
- 2) *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”* (Heb. 13:8); and
- 3) *“With God there is no variation or shifting shadow”* (James 1:17).

Knowing such, along with the reality that God is both all loving and all powerful, results in the most life-settling, life-stabilizing conviction we can embrace. No matter the weather, *“We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us”* (Phil. 4:13).

As we continue GROWING IN GRACE, let us be assured that life need not keep us “under the weather.” In Jesus we can “weather the weather,” come what may. Indeed He is the Lord of many weathers, in March and every other season of life.

MARCH-ing On,

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