

Miracles that follow the plow :: Isaiah 1:18

Isaiah 1:18 - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/12/22 18:15

My Winter Break began December 13 and that's the day I flew to Toronto to visit Greg (wrtbooks). It was my first time out of the country, and an amazing time of fellowship with him and other Christians he introduced me too. And, I made my first *real* snowman. The snowman, believe it or not, is the focus of this post.

We were walking back from a supper with Greg's family, and the snow laid thick on the ground from the previous day's snowfall (I prayed for snow, lol). Greg looked across the street from his home and saw a promising area for snowman-building. I've gotta admit, I was reluctant at first, but agreed to build the snowman.

We gave him Oreo cookie eyes and a little carrot nose, and I bent a not-quite-dead twig for a smile.

What a wonderful experience! People walking by actually made encouraging comments toward us -- in this usually-apathetic town, strangers were smiling toward us and even stopping to have a short conversation.

Then we decided to make use of this opportunity. We found a cross-shaped stick and placed it on the snowman's chest, and wrote "Isaiah 1:18" in sticks on a cleared area of the snow in front of him. We prayed together that someone walking by would be curious enough to go home and read what it said.

A few pictures were taken, and Greg and I walked across the street to warm up in his house, wondering if anyone would notice.

As we climbed the steps of his porch, Greg said, "Hey, look! Someone's coming!" I looked over my shoulder to see a young guy walk by the snowman without so much as a glance. I felt a bit of disappointment set in when he suddenly stopped in his tracks, walked the few steps back to the snowman, and leaned low to read what was written. Greg and I looked at each other with huge smiles and bounded into the house like five-year-olds.

We sat peering out his front window for a long while, waiting for people to walk by and laughing with glee as person after person stopped to look.

A bit before midnight, I looked again out the window again to find the snowman had been pushed over -- Greg went out to find that the verse wasn't there anymore either.

The fact that it was pushed over told Greg and I that someone was confronted with truth and didn't like it -- there are three responses to being confronted with truth: accept it, reject it, or decide to find out more.

God, I pray that you used this simple snowman to plant a seed that night. We took snow, your creation, and created a small testimony of your love. Thank you, God, for all that you've done for us. Work in the hearts of those who saw it, please, Lord.

[Image: <https://www.sermonindex.net/snowman1.jpg>]

[Image: <https://www.sermonindex.net/snowman2.jpg>]

Re: Isaiah 1:18 - posted by Clutch (), on: 2003/12/22 18:59

Mary,

Wonderful testimony. Glad to see you're back on the Information Superhighway. In the picture I guess you're the one on the right, then Frosty is in the middle; but who is that RED NECK lookin' dude sporting the Florida State sweatshirt? When I saw him, I thought about that old Cheech and Chong song from a few years ago.

"Born in East LA." (For those of ya'll that ain't familiar, Florida State University is located in Tallahassee which is in the Panhandle of Florida. We affectionately call that part of Florida, LA-"Lower Alabama". Tallahassee Florida which is the State Capitol, is considered to be "East Lower Alabama"-East LA. There are enough Red Necks in that part of Florida, over to Jacksonville, and down to about Eustis/Tavarees/Leesburg that make it seem like home.

"Boooorn in East LA"!

"I was boooorn in East LA"! (To the tune of Bruce Springsteen's "Born in The USA".

Merry Christmas to you. :-D

Clutch :-P

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/22 19:38

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Yea it was quite supernatural.. we prayed as he was walking up to the snow man and walked literally 15 feet past the snowman and then there was like he was tugged right back and backtracked his step right in front of the snowman. Then he paused and looked a second at it and walked on. At that time me and Mary knew that God used it to glorify His name.

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hey :-? its me Greg!! the webmaster. hahahah
man RED NECK.. im Canadian .. lol :-D

I got the florida shirt when I visited Mary back a few months ago in florida.

Re: - posted by Clutch (), on: 2003/12/22 20:59

Greg,
Come let us REASON together. According to Jeff Foxworthy's expanded list; You MIGHT be a Red Neck! :-o :-D
Clutch ;-)

Re: - posted by Jason, on: 2003/12/22 22:02

Clutch,

You don't have much room to talk in Columbus, GA.

For the record, I've lived in Atlanta and now live in Tallahassee (I'm the "senior member" of this site from Tallahassee).

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/12/22 23:36

Job 37:6 (niv) - He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'

Psalms 51:7 (niv) - Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Praise God for His creation especially the snow :-D

Re: snowman - posted by sdb, on: 2003/12/23 1:10

Hey Greg , its good to finally put a face to your name.....you to make a nice looking couple..and I'm not talking about the snowman :-D In Him Scott

Re: Isaiah 1:18 - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/23 1:24

Thanks you guy's.

What a excellent Christmas gift!

Got a feeling that the snowman slayer could likely be a candidate, at least whoever it was, wasn't lukewarm. Isn't it the ones that protest the loudest that are usually the closest?

What a great idea..
I can just hear it now..

"Well, one night I came across this snowman...."

Praise be to God.

Re: - posted by Clutch (), on: 2003/12/23 10:23

Jason,
You RIGHT man. More than likely, I too MIGHT be....! :-D
Clutch :-P

Re: - posted by Clutch (), on: 2003/12/23 10:27

All kidding aside, they DO make a handsome couple!
Clutch ;-)

Re: - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/12/23 13:20

Jason said:
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You may be the "senior member", but I'm the chatterbox. ;-))

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/12/26 9:12

:-D

Quote:
-----... but I'm the chatterbox.

Hmmm....that might be debatable.

:-)

Re: - posted by Chosen7Stone (), on: 2003/12/27 2:27

...perhaps I should have titled this thread "Miracles that Follow the Snowplow"...

Re: - posted by stina318 (), on: 2004/1/5 3:33

hey mary,

i also go to fsu, and when i went up north this xmas break i wanted so badly to build a snowman for the first time.... lol

i apparently brought the sunshine to ohio and the snow all melted by the time i got there :-P but somebody while i was there told me to check out the pics of your snowman ;-)

glad you got a chance to glorify God while having fun in the snow :-) awesome verse to use, btw

~christina :-)

Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/1/5 7:37

Wowee! What a great testimony! And who knew witnessing could be so much fun?!

Nice to put a face to both of you, except you can't really see much of Mary inside that hood. :-D

Bless you both with many spiritual blessings!

~Chanin

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/1/13 22:45

I was riding in the snow today where no foot had trodden, and it was pure, pure white; and I thought again and again of that verse: '*Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*' That is a sweet prayer- make it your own. Often go alone and look up to Jesus, who died to wash us from our sins, and say, '*Wash me.*'

-Robert Murray McCheyne