

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

So, as we come to the month of MARCH we tend to finally begin to “**think spring**”!!! However, as we begin to “**think spring**” during the month of MARCH in the land of the “**Boundary Waters**” we must quickly acknowledge that thinking about and celebrating spring in the land of the “**Boundary Waters**” are in fact two very different things. Yet, spring is coming and we can begin to “**think spring**”!!!

Ah, “**back in the day**” the month of MARCH for the Thompson boys growing up in the Twin Cities, who were anxious to “**think spring**”, meant it was time for throwing baseballs and kite flying. Kite flying, indeed; for with the month of March comes warmer temperatures and stronger winds, two perfect ingredients for adventures in the sky with kites!!!

What is that little phrase made popular by the month of MARCH??? Yes, indeed; “**in like a lion, out like a lamb**” or “**in like a lamb, out like a lion**”!!!

Basically, the “**theory**” is, if the month of MARCH comes in quietly and calmly with regards to the weather it is going to go out roaring and wild with regards to the weather, or as the “**theory**” goes if the month of MARCH comes in roaring and wild with regards to the weather it is going to go out quietly and calmly with regards to the weather.

Indeed, a little phrase made popular by the possible variations found in the weather during the month of MARCH by joining together the “LAMB” and the “LION”, the “LION” and the “LAMB”!!!

Well, the prophet Isaiah used a very similar union of God’s creatures:

**Isaiah 11:6**

**“The wolf shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”**

**Isaiah 65: 25**

**“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt and destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.”**

Indeed, something greater than a “**theory**” is found here in the words of the prophet Isaiah, what we find here is a “PROMISE” which comes from our gracious and loving GOD, a “PROMISE” concerning hope, peace, and unity, rooted in “LOVE”!!!

So, “**back in the day**” to begin “**thinking spring**” meant flying kites and throwing baseballs. Those days are basically gone for the Thompson boys.

So, there will come a day in the future when we as God’s Children will be able to proclaim “**back in the day**” about the trials, tribulations, and challenges of life because of God’s “PROMISE” concerning hope, peace, and unity, rooted in “LOVE”. Indeed, all those trials, tribulations, and challenges of life, will be “GONE” as we commune with our gracious and loving GOD!!!

Love in Christ,

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