

# The Colors of Autumn

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We are in the midst of enjoying the fall season, when the temperature begins to cool and the colors of the season explode. There are many who place autumn as their favorite season because of the brilliant beautiful leaves as they turn in colors. Many take vacations this time of year heading to the mountains in an effort to see the grandeur from high above as looking into a sea of beauty. One can only look to God at this time and think of the detail used when He created the earth and set the world in motion.

In Paul's opening words to the church in Rome, he said, *"because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,"* (Romans 1:19-20). Paul is saying that even though we do not see God in person, we see Him in the wonders of His creation. As we watch the events happen with nature, we too should see God manifested in His creation.

We can also look beyond the changing leaves, to things such as the way the planets continue to stay aligned bringing us the various seasons of the year. We can also see God's work as the trees lose their leaves, they prepare themselves to survive the winter, and then again regenerate sprouting buds and leaves in the spring. Many things in nature go into hibernation throughout the cold winter and as the warmer air blows in they begin to show life once again. Jesus spoke of His Father's work regarding this very thing as he approached Jerusalem with His disciples and pointed spoke of the fig tree. *"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near"* (Matthew 24:32).



We will all come before God when we will be judged for our actions. Let His marvelous creation always remind us of both His existence, and our purpose in this life, so we will be ready for that day.