

“After the Lazy Summer”

Devotion for September 2016

Hymn: VU 223 Eternal, Unchanging, We sing

Scripture: Isaiah: 24 4-5 & Psalm: 24 1-2

Reflection:

Labour Day, first day of school, back to the normal routine, seems September spells all of that. It's as if a new life begins after the lazy summer. Did those events exist in Jesus time or was September just another month? Life then was not ruled by a calendar but by the season; planting, harvesting, storing and waiting for the next spring. In most countries the sun was the year and the moon was the guide for time. Man was ruled by nature not a calendar. Today, with all our gadgets and knowledge the more we seem to learn about nature, about the heavens and the world around us the more the questions pop up and the farther away the answers seem. To understand the mind of God is not for us. The mystery only deepens. September today is just another step on the endless journey and our calendar notwithstanding; we are still ruled by nature.

Discussion;

Do we realize how much God still really controls and shapes our lives through nature?

Hymn VU 300 God Whose Farm Is all Creation

Prayer; Lord, seems we have gone from living with nature to trying to control it and seems every step we take we just mess up more. Well Lord, I am not sure we have found the answer yet as our greed seems to get in the way to correcting the mess we have made so we need your help. Please show us the way, help our leaders make the right decisions to correct our mistakes so our children and grandchildren can live with the nature you provided for us. Amen