

the Pastor's Corner

According to an online museum of science and culture the idea of daylight saving was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784, in an essay, "An Economical Project." Nevertheless the idea was first advocated seriously by London builder William Willett -- 1857-1915 -- in the pamphlet, "Waste of Daylight" 1907, that proposed advancing clocks 20 minutes on each of four Sundays in April, and retarding them by the same amount on four Sundays in September. In his pamphlet he wrote, "Everyone appreciates the long, light evenings. Everyone laments their shortage as Autumn approaches; and everyone has given utterance to regret that the clear, bright light of an early morning during Spring and Summer months is so seldom seen or used."

Daylight Saving Time or Summer Time is thought of as a way to make better use of daylight. We change our clocks during the summer months to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening. Apparently there are many positive reasons behind the implementation of the concept including fewer violent crimes as most crimes are committed in the darkness, fewer traffic accidents, energy conservation, and mainly because people enjoy it as it gives more light in the evenings where they can do more.

The Bible also talks about the same idea only this is the ultimate daylight saving time that God, the creator, has planned for his elect in the new earth. John the Revelator alluded to it and declares, "there will be no night there" (Rev. 21:25). But the prophet Isaiah elaborates on it

beautifully:

"The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
Nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you;
But the Lord will be to you an everlasting light,
And your God your glory. Your sun shall no longer go down,
Nor shall your moon withdraw itself;
For the Lord will be your everlasting light,
And the days of your mourning shall be ended."

-Isaiah 60:19-20

Lets enjoy the daylight saving time and remember that God has a better plan with the "Ultimate Daylight Saving Time" in the New Jerusalem.

-Your Servant,
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