

## Snowed In - Worship at Home!

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Dear Friends,

A brother shared this verse of a hymn earlier today on Facebook. Since many churches in our area had to cancel services due to the dangerous conditions, this verse has been on my mind.

"Every season of the year, let your worship be sincere; when the storm prevents your roam,  
serve your gracious Lord at home." - *Baptism, #265 Old School Hymnal 11th Edition, verse 4*

The first two verses are about Baptism. Specifically, not to fear the cold water if your heart is warm for the Lord. The last 3 verses are about our duty as Christians after baptism. It was written by Elder John Leland. You remember that he is partially responsible for the 1st Amendment to the US Constitution. He was an Old Baptist minister.

### **Baptism**

Christians, if your hearts are warm, Ice and snow can do no harm;  
If by Jesus you are prized, Rise, believe, and be baptized.

Jesus drank the gall for you, Bore the curse for sinners due;

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Children, prove your love to Him, Never fear the frozen stream.

Never shun the Savior's cross, All on earth is worthless dross;  
If the Savior's love you feel, Let the world behold your zeal.

Every season of the year, Let your worship be sincere;  
When the storm prevents your roam, Serve your gracious Lord at home.

Read His sacred word by day, Ever watching always pray;  
Meditate His law by night, This will give you great delight.

God bless,  
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