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Title: Temporary and Permanent (Snowman and Christian)

Theme: Only one life ‘twill soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last.

Object: Pictures of snowman just built and one week later (melted).

Text: 2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Wow!! This is an amazing verse! It tells us that after Jesus comes back for us, the earth and everything in it is going to be burned up.

It’s going to be so hot that the elements and the rocks are going to melt.

Then God is going to create new heavens and a new earth where we are going to live with Him forever!!

How many have been enjoying the warm weather that last couple of days?

We got all that snow, and now a lot of it has melted into water and sunk into the ground.

It was just last week that we made a nice snowman in the front yard.

Do you want to see a picture of our snowman? [Show picture of snowman. Explain all the parts of the snowman and how he’s decorated and dressed up.]

Every year we try to build at least one snowman, and this is the only snowman we were able to build this year. The snow packed really well, and we were able to roll up the balls for the snowman without any problem.

What do you think the snowman looks like today, just one week later?

Here’s the picture of the snowman I took this morning. [Show picture]

He’s totally gone! All that’s left of the snowman is here in the bag. {Show parts used to decorate the snowman.]

This snowman didn’t even last a week. He’s melted in only one week!

There’s a word we use for things that don’t last very long. We call them temporary.

We could say, the snowman we built last week was only temporary.

Things that last for a long, long time we call permanent.

Who can think of something that lasts for a long, long time?

When God give us the 10 commandments, He wanted them to last for a long, long time.

What did He write them on?

He wrote then on tables of stone, on rock, because rocks last for a really long time.

So we can say that God’s law is permanent; it lasts forever.

But the Bible says that even the rocks someday will melt.

When God recreates the earth, He is going to make new rocks instead of the rocks we have now.

So even though the rocks last a lot longer than our snowman, even the rocks are temporary.

So here’s my question: Is there really anything that is permanent? Does anything last forever?

How about God? Does God last forever? Do the good angels last forever? Does God’s law last forever?

How about us? Do we last forever?

No. Someday we will get old and die, and our body will turn back into the elements that compose it.

We are like the snowman. We are temporary. We eventually melt away into nothing.

But here’s the good news: God can bring us back to life, He can give us a new body, and make us permanent if we love Him and trust Jesus as our Savior.

The Bible says that nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death itself.

Do you want to be permanent like God, or temporary like a snowman?