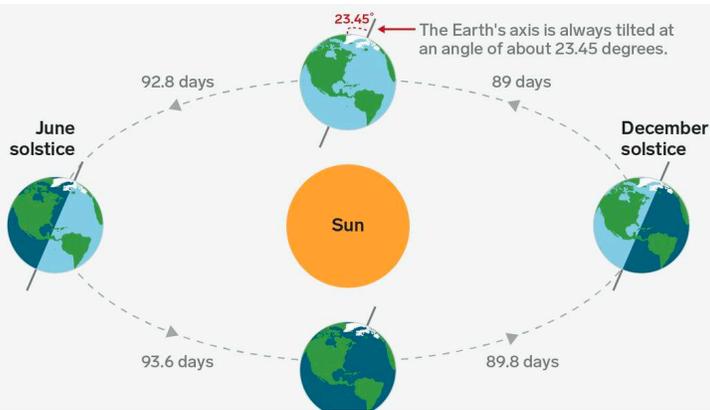


Pastor Brian's  
Midweek Message  
June 22, 2022

**"THE HEAT IS ON"**

*Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.*  
(Revelation 7:16)

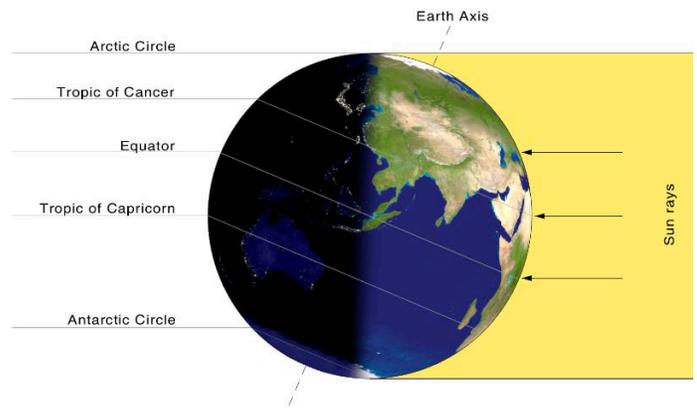
The official beginning of the summer season was yesterday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Around here that means nothing as summer starts when most of the country is trying to throw off winter. The official beginning of our seasons has nothing to do with weather, and everything to do with astronomy. We have seasons due to the fact that the axis of the rotation of the earth is tilted by about 23 ½ degrees from being directly vertical from the plane that our planet orbits the sun in. If you really want to get technical (and you probably don't) this tilts actually "wobbles" between 22.1 and 24.5 degrees. 23 ½ is the average.



In the northern hemisphere, where we live, summer begins on the day that this tilt reaches its maximum, right around June 21<sup>st</sup> each year. The meteorological upshot of this is that the sun's rays are most direct over us, reaching higher in the sky, and the length of time from sunrise to sunset is greatest, so we are receiving the maximum amount of heat each day from the sun.

From now on until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of winter, around December

20<sup>th</sup> the sun angles will gradually lower, and the day length diminish. The key here is "gradually". Through July and August the sun will still be very high and intense, and the amount of heat we get from it will far exceed that which is radiated away from the earth into space each day. What that means is that our hottest and most humid weather is yet to come. Daily normal and record highs reach their peak from late July into early September, which also corresponds to the highest sea surface temperatures and thus the peak of the Hurricane Season.



The day is coming, declares the Lord, when there will be no sun beating down nor any scorching heat roasting God's people (Rev. 7:16 above). That's because there will be a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21). Verse 23 tells us, And the city [the new Jerusalem] has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. We'll be back to the same light source as on the first day of creation (Genesis 1:3). Our light will be the glory of God and the Lamb. That's our forever destiny

Will there be air conditioning vendors and repair people in heaven? Certainly, but they'll no longer be in that business! For now we'll do whatever we can to beat the heat and minimize the amount that we pay for the power to do it. One day those cooling bills will cease, along with all others, and we'll live forever in total comfort and joy by the grace of God delivered to us through faith in Christ Jesus. Upon His glorious return.