

Block heaters can be used regularly in extreme cold

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Dear Tom and Ray:
I live in interior Alaska, and it gets cold. How cold, you ask? It's been -40 F (that's negative 40) for the past week or so. My husband and I go back and forth as to whether to keep the car's block heater plugged in all the time, or whether to use a timer and run it only some of the time. I've heard that too much heat is bad for the oil. This

morning I used the timer, and my car decided it was too cold for the transmission to engage. I was stuck. At -45 F, I don't have to go to work. At -40 F, I do (administrative policy). I want to use this as leverage to get my husband to let me keep my car plugged in more of the time. What do you think?
-- **Christie**
RAY: I'd use the timer, Christie -- a timer that turns the block heater on around Oct. 1 and turns it off around June 30.

TOM: In fact, you may want buy a trailer with a diesel generator bolted onto it, so you can stay plugged in while you drive around, too.

RAY: When it's that cold out, just leave it plugged in all the time if that's what the car needs. The only cost is electricity. You won't do any harm to your oil.

TOM: Right. When people talk about heat being an enemy of motor oil, they're talking about oil that's being over-

worked under hard driving conditions -- like driving a car at high speeds for long distances in the heat of the summer, or pulling a trailer up the Rockies.

RAY: When you subject your engine to extreme conditions like that, it can run hotter than it's supposed to. That can shorten the life of the oil. That's why manufacturers recommend that people who use their vehicles for such "severe duty" change the



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oil more frequently.

TOM: But in your block heater's wildest dreams, it never could get the engine oil hot enough to do it any damage. Not even close. In your case, it's just warming it up to the point where it's no longer cement.

RAY: So for weeks like the one you just had, you can run the block heater as much as you need to. And when it gets so cold that the block heater needs its own block heater to get started, it's time to move to San Juan,

Puerto Rico, Christie.

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The Christian Faith

"All Scripture is inspired by God..." II Tim. 3:16

"But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit from God."

II Peter 1:20 and 21

"the sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

Ps 119:160

"For what does the Scripture say?" Rom 4:3a

Concerning Man

"It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" Matt 4:4

"There is none righteous, not even one" and "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:10 and 23

"- All our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment." Is. 64:6

"By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." Gal. 2:16

Concerning Judgement

"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ." II Cor. 5:10

"- it is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgement." Hebrews 9:27

"and if anyone's name was not found written in the book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" Rev. 20:15

Concerning Repentance

"- He (God) commands all people everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30

"- Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" Mark 1:14b and 15

Concerning Forgiveness

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that he whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins

according to the Scripture and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scripture." I Cor. 15:3 and 4

"Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." Hebrews 9:22

"In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses."

Eph. 1:7

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." John 3:36

"- if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

Rom 10:9 and 10

Concerning Salvation through Christ Alone

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" John 14:6

"and there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which you must be saved."

Acts 4:12

Concerning the Time of Salvation

"Behold, **now** is the acceptable time, **now** is the day of salvation." II Cor. 6:2

"Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Isaiah 55:6 and 7

Concerning Our Response

"He (Jesus) said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'" Matt. 16:15

"Pilate said to them, 'What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?'" Matt. 27:22

Concerning Our Final Destiny

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16

[For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Mark 8:36]

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