

The Majesty of God

“For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.” Psalm 95:3-7

My husband and I recently completed a 3-day trek from Wisconsin to Nevada as we make permanent our move to Las Vegas. Having lived in Wisconsin our entire lives, we are very familiar with the landscape of the area—all the green fields and wooded areas, lots of lakes, and rolling hills. Traveling west, we were able to experience a myriad of landscape changes that surprised and thrilled us at each turn. The flat cornfields and pastures of Iowa and Nebraska that allowed us to witness a powerful thunderstorm rolling through. The beauty of the forests and mountains in Colorado imagining what it looks like in winter covered with snow. The unique rock formations in Utah that seemed “other worldly”. The canyons of Arizona rising steeply on each side and opening to the desert and red rocks of Nevada.

As we drove, we discussed the beauty, majesty, and diversity of this earth—one created by God in His infinite wisdom and power. We talked about how difficult it is to understand the belief of some that this world just came into existence entirely by chance over millions of years. As Christians, we believe that God created the world according to His perfect plan and purpose. And all He had to do was say the word! Each animal, plant, landform, celestial being, body of water—everything—was created with a divine design in mind. Each creation is unique and declared by God to be “good”.

When God created the world, it was perfect. And man, His most perfect creation, was gifted the earth and all that was in it to rule over and enjoy. Unfortunately, we know all too well, the story of man’s Fall into sin. How one poor choice that went against the will of God, changed His perfect creation forever. God could have easily turned His back on mankind, but in His grace, mercy, and love He deigned to save each one of us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

As Christ followers, we thank and praise God for this gift of forgiveness and salvation. But it is not just this gift that we are grateful for. Each and every day, we need to come before our Lord and worship Him for the gift of this beautiful world. We want to declare His majesty just as His awesome creation does each and every day. In the midst of our busy lives, it is so easy to take for granted and overlook the wonders that fill our world, beauty put here by God for us to take delight in. We are God’s children and just as He loves and cares for us, we need to do the same for our earthly home.

One of my favorite songs is Chris Tomlin's "Indescribable", a beautiful testimony to the wonders of God's creation and majesty. Words often fall short in describing the uniqueness of this earth and all we can do is fall to our knees and declare, "You are AMAZING God!". Whether your travels this summer take you across oceans, across country, or just across your own backyard, I encourage you to take many moments to marvel at the beauty surrounding you and to give thanks and praise to God for this indescribable gift.

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station through which God speaks to us every hour, if only we will tune in." George Washington Carver