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“SPLENDOR ABOVE THE HEAVENS!”

David employed his skills as a wordsmith profoundly as seen in verse one of the eighth psalm. “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth. Who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!” For millennia mankind rhapsodized about exploring the immensity of the universe. Over six hundred individuals have gone into space, and that from thirty-seven countries. Of those, eighteen have lost their lives while engaged in that quest. NASA helped to create the international Space Station, but now has shifted its focus to deep space investigation. A staggering 1.35 trillion dollars has been spent over the years searching the universe.

Regardless of how far mankind's spacecrafts will carry intrepid space explorers, they will only touch the slightest edge of the majesty and expanse of the universe and what God created. “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.” (Psalms 19:1) “It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom; and by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.” (Jeremiah 10:12)

Isaiah notes in chapter forty and verse twenty-six, “Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, the One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power not one of them is missing.” The omnipotence of God on display in the splendor of His creation. It is a rare treat to visit Zion National Park, but do yourself a favor and find time to do so; especially when the weather is conducive to being outside at night. When darkness has fully fallen, step into the darkness and look skyward. Your breath will be taken away, even more so if you happen to be there during a full moon. You will no doubt echo what David wrote in verse three of Psalms 8. “When I consider Thy heavens,

the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou has ordained”

Undoubtedly you will have overwhelming feelings of how small mankind is in the grand scope of things. Which is the same thoughts that went through David's mind as evidenced in verse four of Psalms 8. “What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man that Thou dost care for him?” True God the Creator of the universe reigns above all, nevertheless He sees worth for mankind. So much so, that He sent forth His Son to pay the price for sin, that each and everyone would be presented with the opportunity to be saved (see Romans 5:6-19; 1John 2:1-3 Et al)



Paul as he stood before the Areopagus, staunchly stressed that God “made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth” (Acts 17:24) A few verses later Paul pointed out, “that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (v 27) The evidence abounds that God is and wants us to reach out to Him.

Take time to consider three verses from Hebrews the 11th chapter. “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” (v 1) “By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.” (v 3) “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” (v 6) How could anyone look at the majesty of God's creation and not want to seek Him?

“Yet those who hope in the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.” (Isaiah 40:31) (wbe)

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