

THE BULWARK

ALL THAT NATURE PROCLAIMS

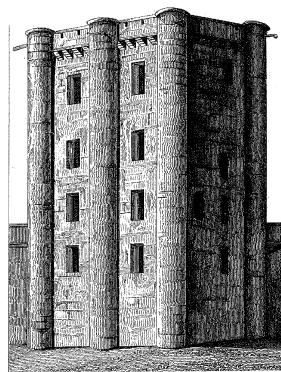
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“Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that you may tell it to the generation following”
Psalms 48:13

The preciousness of the little girl watering a flower struggling to push upward is a photo that can't help but touch your heart. That picture captures hope, beauty and resilience to name but a few. It also speaks of the sublime beauty of God's creation. In the 19th Psalm, begins with David writing, *“The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”* It is said that there are twenty-seven psalms that focus, at least in part to the creative nature of God.



It has been said that “nature is never wasted”, which is indeed true. Consider how nature speaks to design, pattern and of course beauty. It also speaks to truth, as nature follows specific structure. Clearly every day God's creation offers new opportunities to see and appreciate the His glory. In thinking about the majesty of God on display through nature, the words of God spoken as seen in Job, chapter forty ring out, *“Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His? Then adorn yourself with majesty and splendor, and array yourself with glory and beauty.”* (vs. 9-10) Indeed all of nature celebrates God as the Creator and Preserver, which is set forth so beautifully in the 104th Psalm.

In a manner of speaking the psalmist who wrote the 136th psalm is imploring the reader to take the time to fully savor the

fullness of all that God created and all that God is. There is a symmetry to all that God has brought into being. Once consider the 19th psalm, after David rhapsodized about the majesty of the universe, he then segued into the spiritual side of what God has brought forth. *“The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul...”* (v 7) The perfection of the universe and all it contains bespeaks perfection and carries over to the spiritual. In his second epistle, Peter set forth that *“His divine has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness...”* (1:3)

Recently I came across a quote that encapsulates beauty so well. “God is the beauty behind all beauty.” Makes perfect sense, both in the physical as well as the spiritual realm; and indeed there is sublime beauty in God's pattern and plan, spiritually.

Mention was made of the 136th psalm earlier in this article, notice how it begins. *“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”* Now notice verses 23-26. *“Who remembered us in our low estate, for His lovingkindness is everlasting, and has rescued us from our adversaries, for His lovingkindness is everlasting; Who gives food to all flesh, for His lovingkindness is everlasting. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His lovingkindness is forever.”* Everywhere one looks the creative hand of God can be seen and truly how blessed we are as a result. (wbe)