

Awesome!

Years ago I took a trip out west with some college friends. I had grown up where the tallest mountains were the nearby Ozarks of northeast Arkansas. While they possessed their own beauty, they could not compare to the majesty of the Rocky Mountains.

From many miles away we saw the distant Rockies on the horizon. My friends and I were all anxious to see 'real' mountains. As we drove the mountains seemed to grow larger until...

Still miles away we became more and more aware that the Rockies were far more beautiful, majestic, and breathtaking than anything any of us had seen before. We leaned forward in the car and looked from side to side to try and take it all in.

Peppered in among long periods of silence were brief expressions: "Awesome." "Incredible." "Amazing." We were still far off.

At some point there was only silence in the car. Our language failed to provide adjectives suitable to describe what our eyes beheld. We were overwhelmed.

I think that most people in the world are rather unimpressed with God. Even Christians often look at God somewhat at a distance. Many Christians are just too

busy to look at God. They are working out doctrinal questions, serving others, or planning and doing church work. These are vital and cannot be ignored. However, do you ever stop and just gaze at God?

My friends and I reasoned that it is impossible to fully capture the majesty of the Rocky Mountains through a camera lens. I think many people look at God through a lens of doctrine or a lens of service or perhaps something else. Their view may be true, but limited. Sometimes it is worthwhile to stop...without a lens...not trying to understand...just gazing toward God.

- You can see God in His creation.
- You can see God in the Law of Moses.
- You can see God in his anger.
- You can see God in his mercy.
- You can see God in the prophets.
- You can see God in Christ.
- You can see God in the church.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

"Then the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground . . .

and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."

Stop and gaze...

What do you see?

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