

“Awesome”

Years ago I took a trip out west with a group of 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 recognized the Rockies on the horizon. We were all anxious to see ‘real’ mountains. The closer we drove the larger the mountains grew until....

Still miles away we became keenly aware that the Rockies were far more beautiful, far more majestic, and far more breath-taking 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.” And we were still miles away.

Ultimately there was only silence in the car. Our language failed to provide adjectives suitable to describe what our eyes beheld. We were overwhelmed! ☺

I believe most people in the world are rather unimpressed with God. Even Chris-

tians seem to look at God somewhat at a distance. Too often we have become fixated on doctrinal matters; and these are important. Too often we have become fixated on ‘doing’ Christianity; and we must concern ourselves with godly living.

Is a photograph really enough to capture the majesty of the Rocky Mountains? Is it really enough to merely gaze toward God at a distance through doctrinal facts or through service projects?

Do you ever gaze at His glory through His revealed word? Do you long to see His face? Are you in pursuit of your Maker? Do you stand in awe of your Creator? Are you truly overwhelmed as you come closer and closer to the likeness of your God? Christianity is not about taking snapshots of God.

Stop! Watch! Ponder. Wonder.

“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.”

May we often be driven to our knees in humility and awe of our Awesome God.

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