

should follow in His steps. (I Peter 2:21) God has revealed in His Word what we must do to be saved and to be pleasing to Him. He tells us that faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17) Romans 10:10 further tells us that, **“with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”** In Acts 2:38, Peter tells his listeners to **“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”** Romans 6:1-14 gives us more understanding of the comparison of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection and our burial in baptism that we should **“walk in newness of life.”** We now devote ourselves, our hearts, and our lives in service to God. And

our voices join in saying, **“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”** (Rev. 4:11).

We see the Glory of God in His creation and in His mercy and love when He sent His Son to redeem us. We, as Christians, look forward to the day when we will be with God always in heaven; where there is no more death, sorrow, crying, nor pain and where the glory of God is fully revealed. (Rev. 21) Revelation 5:13 **“Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”**

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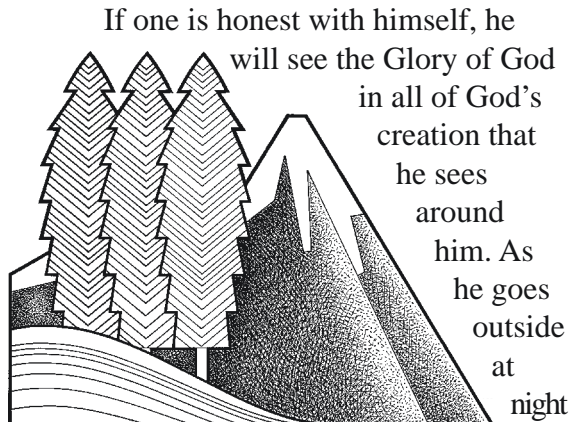
God’s Glory Revealed

On Christmas Eve in 1968, three astronauts on the Apollo 8 rounded the dark side of the moon. Firing the engines of their spacecraft they passed by the far side to orbit the moon, paving the way for the moon landing that was to take place a year later on July 20, 1969. As the Apollo 8 orbited the moon, their view of the moon was breathtaking. All three of the astronauts were moved by this view and reflected upon the words of the Bible as they witnessed this spectacular view. As this scene was broadcast to the world, the voice of Bill Anders could be heard saying, **“In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep”** (Genesis 1:1-2a). Then the other two astronauts, Jim Lovell and Frank Borman, took turns finishing the Old Testament reading of Genesis regarding God’s creation of the world.



How often, when we walk outside on a dark starry night, are we awestruck by the number of

stars that we see and by the moon in its glory and beauty? David, when he was a shepherd boy, saw the wonders of the heavens as he tended his father's sheep. In Psalm 19, David wrote about how the heavens declare the Glory of God and proclaim the Work of God's hands. Psalm 19:1-3, **"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."** Often, in our society today, we hear those who try to deny the existence of God or who will go as far to say "show me" God; prove that He exists then I will believe. Yet God declares in Romans 1:20, **"For since the creation of the world His (God's) invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."**



If one is honest with himself, he will see the Glory of God in all of God's creation that he sees around him. As he goes outside at night

and looks to the heavens, he will see thousands upon thousands of stars of different sizes and colors due to the heat they give off. As he looks upon the face of this earth, he will see the great diversity of plant and animal life. He will see the diversity of climate and habitats upon the earth, each serving its purpose. He will see the variety of life in our planet's oceans, both great and small. In the great diversity of life on this planet we see the Glory of God in how he made each species different and unique, yet beautiful in their own way. This world and all the life on it was made by God, and if each one of us takes a good hard look we will see God's Glory in all of His creation.

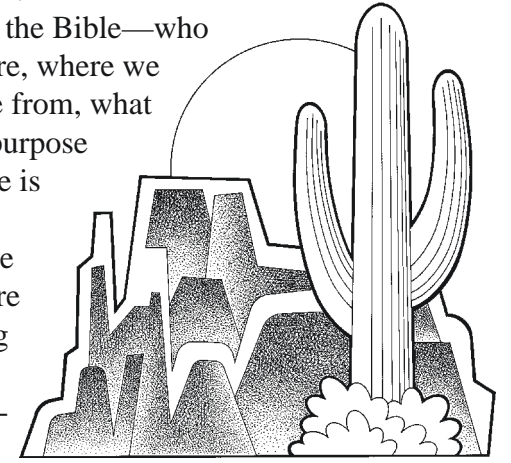
We will see that mankind is not a mere animal. Mankind not only possesses many physical abilities, but also possesses the abilities to think, reason, understand, analyze, invent, and build. After all, mankind was created by God in God's own image. Genesis 1:27, **"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."** Within the heart of every person is found a desire to know "Who am I? Where did I come from? Where am I going? and What is my purpose in life?" Many will seek answers in our archeological past, scientific research, philosophies of the day, or ancient myths and legends. But the answer for our soul can only be found by seeking God, who made us. The apostle

Paul, when speaking to those in Athens, taught them about the **"God who made the world and everything in it"** and of how we need to seek the Lord. (Acts 17:22-31) God has provided upon this earth all that is necessary to satisfy our physical needs. He has also provided for our spiritual needs.

God showed us His Glory to all mankind over two thousand years ago by sending His only begotten Son to save mankind from their sins, so that we can be a part of God's Glory in Heaven eternally if we obey by faith. John 3: 16, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."** Our sins have separated us from God. (Isaiah 59:2) In Romans 3 :23, we learn that we are not alone; **"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."** God's Glory is revealed through His great love and mercy when Jesus died on the cross, bearing our sins; and was raised on the third day, giving us hope of eternal life in heaven. (Acts 2:22-41; Rom. 5:1-11; I Cor. 15:20-58; Eph.1:3-23)

God's creation reveals to us that He exists. But God has not just stepped back and disappeared. He is not far from us if we seek Him. God has provided us with the greatest book of all - the Bible! (2 Tim. 3:16-17). God has revealed Himself to us through His Word, the Bible. God has told

us in the Bible—who we are, where we came from, what our purpose in life is and where we are going depending



upon whether we choose to serve Satan or serve God. God wants us to live with Him in heaven for eternity. Therefore, God has not left us without hope because we have sinned against Him, our Almighty Creator. Instead, Jesus Himself left the glory of heaven, taking the form of a bondservant, and became obedient even to the death of the cross. (Phil. 2:5-11) The Glory of God can be seen in even the name by which Jesus would also be called - the name Immanuel, which means **"God with us"** (Matt. 1:23) Jesus, God the Son, lived among His creation to show them the way to eternal life. Then He died upon the cross so that our sins may be forgiven and that we might look forward to the home He has prepared for those who follow Him. John 14:6, **"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"**

Jesus has left us an example that we