

Daily Devotional, September 30, 2021

Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me, if you know so much." Job 38:1-4 (NLT)

I am not a world traveler by any means. But, my wife (who *is* more of the world traveler than I am), and I, have travelled enough to see some wonderful sights.

We have seen some wonderful places in England and Scotland and have witnessed the majesty of the Grand Tetons rising above the plains. We stood at the edge of the Grand Canyon and pondered how it was created eons ago. We have gone swimming in the Gulf of Mexico and hiked in the Smoky Mountains, Glacier National Park, the national parks of Utah, and small chunks of the Appalachian Trail. On many occasions, we took our children along on some of our journeys, and to visit their grandparents at the old family tree farm in Wisconsin. Yet, there is so much more to see and so little time.

These are all truly wonderful experiences, but none can surpass the miracle of seeing our two children come into the world, grow up, and become productive citizens of this earth.

Helen Keller was once asked about her not being able to see such worldly places and events. She reportedly said that being blind was "not half so bad as to have two good eyes and never see anything."

Maybe it would be helpful to devote a few minutes each day to reflect upon the majesty of creation and the abundant blessings in our lives. Consider the words of Psalms 8:3-4: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?"

I suggest that you go outside on a clear evening, look at the night sky, and try to understand your place in the Milky Way—in all of the universe. I bet you will be humbled and thankful that you have the opportunity to be here, to be a member of Hope Lutheran Church, and to be surrounded by fellow Christian believers from all over the world.

Prayer: Lord, grant us the grace to grow deeper in our respect of Your Creation. Help us to recognize the sacredness of all of Your creatures as signs of Your wondrous love. Help us to learn to appreciate the diversity and beauty embedded in Your grand plan. In and through Christ, Amen.