

“For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

“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.”

Revelation 4:11

Sitting outside as I write this; I can hear the wind lightly whispering through the trees as it moves the branches in a gentle sway – the birds are tweeting their various tunes and the cicadas and crickets are singing their song too. Think about it – creation is noisy! Even at the ocean (my truly peaceful place) there are waves crashing and the sound of sea gulls squawking – in the dead of the night – the crickets continue their chirping. One day that I remember silence was 9/11/2001 – there was no air traffic and people stopped what they were doing to stare in dismay at the t.v. screen. I recall that dreadful silence; but still on one of the most horrific days in our nation’s recent history; creation still cried out its praise.

As believers, it is sort of just part of our every day to believe that - yes, GOD created the world - all that we can see -all that we can’t see - and us. Now, I challenge you to stop, take a breath, and really think about the creation around you – the people around you! How uniquely amazing this world and the people who live in it really are! How easy is it to lose sight of the amazement and glory that GOD surrounds us with on a daily basis! What have we done, when the glory of GOD’s creation surrounds us and still we don’t fall to our knees in worship of the mighty Creator?

I have failed in my worship! Sure, I pray every day – I hit my knees (literally and in my mind) numerous times a day – but do I worship Him as He deserves? Do I ever just worship without asking for one single thing? I can answer that with an unequivocal and ashamed “NO”!

All of creation – the stars, the whales, the trees, the mountains, the birds, and the animals cry out to their Creator without fail – so should I! When I look into the eyes of that obnoxious person at the check-out line in the grocery store – that person was created by GOD! Every last detail of their being; GOD knew before time began – how precious they are to our CREATOR.

The magnificence of GOD’s creation and its ability to speak to our very soul is no more eloquently stated than in Psalm 139:14, “I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvelous are your works, and that my soul knows very well” (NKJV).

I have recently found myself wondering what the cry of creation – the star sound (if you don’t know what this is....google it), the various animal cries, and the insects – I wonder what it sounds like to GOD’s ears. What if HIS people added to that sound with worship as loud and incessant as nature’s cry? What if we, as GOD’s redeemed, joined in and with awesome fear in our hearts hit our knees in star-struck wonder and worship? What if?

In my mind’s eye and with a hopeful ear I can just imagine it! I believe it would be a thundering sound that would shake the very foundation of this world – can you see it with me – can you hear it? The smile that such powerful and justified worship would bring to our MASTER’s beautiful face? I can truly only imagine!

The challenge today is this – in addition to your prayers of supplication and need – set aside a moment to join in with creation as it sings to its Creator GOD. Praise the One who knew you before time began; praise the SAVIOR who called you by name and redeemed you (Isaiah 43:1); and praise Him for the walk you are on today! You are one day closer to running into the hands of JESUS; until then walk in worship, walk in humility, and walk with purposeful love!

My prayer with and for you today:

LORD, Wonderful CREATOR and KING,

How wonderfully made we are! Forgive us for allowing the animals, birds, and trees to sing praises louder than Your precious image-bearers do! Thank you for being a GOD bigger than we can imagine; because GOD forbid it that we should ever make You small enough for our feeble human minds to understand! You are a mystery, Your ways are not our ways, Your thoughts are not our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8) – and hallelujah to that! Thank you for redeeming us; for calling us out of darkness and into light (1 Peter 2:9)! You are GOD – there is none like you! Help us to worship You in a way that brings glory to Your name and a smile to Your face!