

Breathtaking

Devotion for Sept 2015

Hymn: VU #291 All things Bright and Beautiful

Scripture: 1 Isaiah 2:2 and Psalm 12:11

Reflection:

The scenery is awesome, even breathtaking, but only if you can take your eyes off the road to see it. If you want to hit the Arctic Circle by road in Canada, the Dempster highway in the Yukon is your only choice. On its way to the Arctic Circle it snakes through and around and up and down some truly breathtaking scenery while at the same time it is narrow, rough, loose gravel and has no concept that most roads actually have signage, a shoulder and even guard rails in places. Did I not have my sweaty palms glued to the wheel and my focus simply to stay on the road I probably would have enjoyed the scenery as well as my wife did. Seeing the tops of trees rising on one side of the road and nothing but distant peaks on the other did not phase her. I wished I had her confidence in my driving. You know the bible has a lot to say about mountains. Moses received the Ten Commandments on a mountain and in Mathew alone there are at least three mentions of events taking place on mountain tops. All told, I read that mountains get over 500 mentions in the bible. Supposedly mountains are a product of the heaving and roving rocks of the ice age, however someone or something was behind all that upheaval. Christians tend to think it was our God who pushed the button to get things moving and then left nature to rumble on and finish the job. Wow, what a job she did. It is really difficult to describe the unbelievable beauty and colour as one travels throughout our wonderful country.

Discussion:

Familiar with the Franke Lane hit, "Lord you gave me a mountain this time", intimating that a mountain is not just something to overcome but a huge obstacle in one's life? We all know they do take something to climb whether walking or driving, and that effort sometime ends in tragedy. Biblical history was born in a mountainous region and since they believed God lived up in heaven then being on a mountain top brought one closer to God. So, are our daily trials sometimes like climbing a mountain and could we reach the top without His help?

Hymn.. VU # 43 Go tell it on a Mountain

Prayer: Lord, we encounter mountains sometime in our daily lives and sometimes we even create them. We simply ask your assistance to help us reach the peak, climb to the summit and by overcoming our mountain we will be nearer to you. amen