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## God's Power and Wondrous Works

*One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness (Psalm 145:4–6).*

*The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (Psalm 19:1).*

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ... And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind on the earth." ... And God saw that it was good (Genesis 1: 1, 11, 12b).*

Summer 2024 has given me the privilege of seeing first-hand God's glory in His creation. From lush green fields and trees to shades of brown rolling hills with tufts of green sage, God's glory was seen. From the fruit-laden vineyards and forests of tall pine trees to the vastness of the grasslands and sky-high majestic mountain tops, God's glory was seen. As



Gordon and I traveled from Oregon to Minnesota, I would comment on the topography and the changes we saw, marveling at how blessed we are to be living in the USA and able to experience the joy of travel.

When I think of my 'everyday' travels — to and from church, going to the grocery store, working out at the gym — how often do I pause to look around or notice and take time to marvel at God's creation? How often do I give thanks for the world He has given me to enjoy even in my 'everyday' journeys? At times, I'm too preoccupied with my daily agenda to take time and praise my Lord for what I see around me. We give thanks to one another when we receive a gift, so why don't we give thanks to the one who made the earth and all there is within it ... on a regular basis, especially every day. My Lord is the one who blesses me with special happenings, but the bottom line is that I don't have to have some special experience in order to remember the one Who grants me both the special experiences and the 'everyday' happenings. To God be the glory and honor for all our comings and goings.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11).*

Gordon and I prayed each morning, as we started out on our journey for the day, for safe and smooth travel. The prayers we uttered were for good weather, for flowing traffic, and minimal road work along the way. We gave thanks for the sights and sounds we encountered at each stop which gave us renewed energy to continue. For the gift of His creation and the joy of experiencing the beauty around us. It was and always will be God's creation. It's His world in which we have temporary 'housing' and can experience life and living by His grace and providence. I pray we never forget to say thanks to our heavenly Father for granting us safe passage through our days whether they are lengthy road trips or common place ones. Thank You, Lord!



In Jesus' ongoing and forever joy,  
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