

## Wrapped in Light

By Al Behel

When I read the Psalms I often wonder if I really know how to praise God. David and other Psalters seemed to grasp the essence of their Creator far better than we have done. Their recognition of His presence and power, as well as His love and mercy, caused them to lift up their voices in hymns of praise with hearts of devotion.

One of those Psalms portrays the majesty of God by describing seven wonders of His creation. Following a declaration of God's greatness as one who is "clothed with splendor and majesty", King David outlines the various ways in which God has revealed Himself through His creation (Psalm 104).

First, he declares that God "wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens like a tent" (v. 2). The sky is filled with evidence of His glory. The Hebrew word for "wraps" suggest that God "darkens" Himself with light. His splendor is so wonderful that man cannot see it, but can only stand in awe of it. We look at His creation and marvel at what He has made. The psalmist was able to look beyond the creation to the glory of the One who made it.

The second wonder David mentions is the earth, around which He has set a boundary (vs. 5-9). In another psalm he declared "the whole earth is full of Thy glory." Next, he praises God for the water which God supplies to the earth and its inhabitants. When he looks at the grass and flowers and trees, he erupts in praise that the Lord has taken care of every need through massive vegetation. As one who spent many nights on the mountain ranges with the sheep he had shepherded, David couldn't forget the moon and the sun. Their radiant beauty was a constant reminder that God was near. The sea, "vast and spacious" (v.25), is structurally balanced with the celestial realm of creation.

The crowning part of God's creation is man himself, to whom He has given life and for which He deserves to be praised and worshipped. David concludes his thoughts by saying, "May the glory of the Lord endure forever."



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**All the Churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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### WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

**Today's Sermon: To Be or Not to Be**  
**Scripture Reading: Romans 5:12-17**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm June 7, on Zoom, Arthur will be continuing a study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the third chapter on G (giving). You should receive notes ahead of time by email.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – June 18.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, June 6. Joel, chapter 3
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing** – July 30. [Here.](#)



**The Delayed Memorial Day Picnic yesterday at Amy & Steve's house was a wonderful time of food and fellowship. We were blessed with beautiful weather, perfect temperature and a time to sing out to the hills! Thank you, Steve and Amy for your kind hospitality.**



Fourth of July BBQ picnic: Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Paul & Dawn's house- 350 Dean Creek Rd., Spencer, NY 14873. Beginning at 12 noon, bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Meat, BBQ beans and Mac 'n cheese provided.

## PRAYERS

- **Prayers of praise for bringing Steve and Amy home safely from their travels in Israel.**
- **David Istre** is feeling better after asking for prayers that he wasn't heading toward a relapse on MS.
- **Steve Burger**, who has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer, has been told he is in temporary remission. Praise the Lord!
- **Don Wilton** lost his older brother to cancer last week. Please pray for comfort for his family.

### Pray for these people:

- **Bob** (Steve Burger's brother-in-law)- lung and rectal cancers
- **Sue Barry**- Breast cancer stage 4 chemo treatment.
- **Pat Gutherie**- lung cancer, stage 4 chemo treatment
- **Bonnie's brother Gregg**- prostate surgery June 29.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia. He is not improving. **Carrie is very discouraged and despondent.** She needs prayer and encouragement.
- **Jim Sexton**, esophageal cancer, he is back on chemo
- **Tresa Shirrell's mom, April**, terminal cancer, salvation
- **The people of Ukraine, Russia and Sudan.**
- **Jerry Lowe**- needs contact with a church and encouragement.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.