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Scott's Thoughts



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

Last night I was privileged to visit with a friend and see a part of Kay County that I had never seen before. Now, that is easy because Ava and I have not really explored much of Kay County since moving here. This place was east of Kaw Lake and had a commanding view of the valley. In the distance you could see part of the lake. Around Newkirk the terrain is fairly flat but when you get in the right spot of the area closer to the lake, there's spectacular views. This was one of them.

I have always appreciated the beauty of creation. I guess one reason is the variety. I appreciate the tall grass prairie of Oklahoma and Kansas as well as the view from the rim of the Grand Canyon. I have sat in a lawn chair at the edge of a lake in the morning or evening and wondered at the glass smooth surface of the water. I have stood on the deck of a Navy ship at sea and watched the sun set and rise when nothing was visible in any direction except water, and I have stood on the top of Pikes Peak in July while it snowed. The variety and vastness of creation are just overwhelming.

God's creation and His greatness are expressed by David in many of his Psalms as he tried to express his wonder in words. Those

words still ring true today. I'm thankful that he wrote them down and that God preserved them over these many centuries because they help me to come to grips with my own feelings about our creator. David's words help me to understand the greatness of God. Those words help me to realize my smallness in the whole scheme of things.

I believe with all that is in me that God is real, that God created us to do His work in this world, that He loves all mankind and wants the best for us. God speaks to us through His written word but even more so through all that surrounds us. We marvel at what man constructs from the materials God has given us but nothing that man has ever constructed can compare to this universe God has created. Man has traveled in space and gone to the bottom of the ocean and dreams of traveling to the next galaxy. We have not even made it to the next star let alone the edge of this galaxy God created. God keeps telling us day after day who and what He is through His creation. When will people finally begin to listen?

I opened this article with the first verse of Psalm 19 and I'm ending it with the last verse from the same Psalm. Take the time to read the entire chapter of the 19th Psalm. I believe you will be rewarded for your effort.

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott