

Scott's Thoughts

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“Plead with the Lord, for there has been enough of God’s thunder and hail. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.” Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may

know that the earth is the Lord’s. But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the Lord God.” (Exodus 9:28–30, ESV)

This evening, we drove out east of town to visit friends who live on Kaw lake. On the way back into town we experienced some real Oklahoma weather. As we left their home, there were brief flashes of lightning that lit up the sky in the distance, but there was no rain. As we drove, a very light rain started. About a mile later the pace of the rain and lightning increased. Then, in just a moment, the bottom fell out and it rained so hard I could not tell if the lightning was flashing. It was all I could do to see the yellow markings on the edges of the road or where the edge of the road was. The wipers were set on the highest speed but could do little to clear the windshield, so I slowed to a crawl. About half a mile from there, the rain slacked off, but the lighting increased and illuminated the entire horizon. By the time we reached the RR tracks the wipers were no longer necessary. It amazed me that so much energy was expended in such a short distance and time. Was this display just a random freak of nature? Could be.

Who can control the weather? If scientists could control thunderstorms, they would. “The thunder roars and the lightning strikes,” is a line that’s in many books

and songs. Those few words express the power of those two natural actions, but we give little consideration as to the ultimate cause of lightning and thunder. Think about power, if a thunderstorm takes a huge amount of power, just think about all the power and energy it takes to keep our universe going round and round. It is so incredible!

Yet, our best scientists know only a fraction about the powerful and varied energies that sustain the universe. If they knew all there is to know about the universe, there would no longer be a need for scientists, because there would no longer be anything to discover. Scientists, by their mere existence, are themselves a testament to the fact of how much they do not know about the power in great storms and much less about the entire universe.

The power of thunderstorms and the lightning is evidence of the power of God who is loving yet, just. His power is so great it can turn a storm on and off in the matter of seconds. Our universe is constantly giving evidence of the power of God. Seeing the evidence of God in the weather and in the entire universe should cause us to believe and know the earth is God’s, but instead many become hard and deny Him? What do we do with all this evidence in our lives?

“So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and stretched out his hands to the Lord, and the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain no longer poured upon the earth. But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants. So the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people of Israel go, just as the Lord had spoken through Moses.”

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott