

Let the World Stand in Awe of Him By Kent Heaton

Michelangelo was a remarkable sculptor, architect and painter but he pales in comparison. Leonard Da Vinci remains in history as one of the most extraordinary men ever to live as a painter, sculptor, architect, musician, scientist, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, geologist, cartographer, botanist and writer; but he too cannot come close. Einstein, Bach, Mozart, Monet, Van Gogh, Frank Lloyd Wright, Shakespeare, Edison -- no one touches the hem of the garment or even shares in a measure of dust to the wisdom, power, majesty and grandeur of who we must stand in awe of. "Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations" (Psalms 33:8-11).

How does one measure the works of man with the works of Jehovah God? Man has walked upon the face of the moon but the Lord has measured every inch long before. The seas have been plumbed to their deepest depths but the Lord was there long ago. Space is vast in the mind of man yet only a tear drop in the presence of the Almighty. The world reveals itself in majestic mountains, valleys, deserts and seas but the one who made them will never be matched. The sovereignty of the Creator is established through the witness of creation. What sculptor can create with only words or what inventor can imagine their work begun by speaking? "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" (Psalms 33:6).

Moses writes of the creation in Genesis one: "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). Did you see that? The Lord spoke and there was light. This came about before the creation of the sun, moon and stars (fourth day – Gen. 1:14-19). The world was created by God "speaking" and everything came to be. Man was formed of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7) and the woman from the rib of Adam (Gen. 2:22). There is a reason all the earth should fear the Lord – what can man do that would compare? Nothing. Never has been and never will be! Man tried to build a tower to the top of the heavens but the Lord stepped in and stopped that (Gen. 11:1-9).

The tallest building in the world is in Dubai, UAE standing 2,717 feet; Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain (by height) in the world at 13,796 feet and the Lord made Mauna Kea. The Burj Khalifa (Dubai) will not always stand but what the Lord makes will stand until He decides to end the world. The Lord "spoke and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:9). How could man not stand in awe and fear of someone as great as that? The angels themselves must be amused at the pride of what man thinks he can do.

Every inhabitant of the world should stand in awe of the Lord God Creator. The majesty of creation is the testimony to the majesty of His power. The majority of man is filled with the pride of his own devices yet one day all men will stand in awe and fear of the Judge. "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:11-12). Are you in awe?

Little Lord Fauntleroy

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1Cor. 13:4-8).

The book, as well as the movie, Little Lord Fauntleroy, is about a seven-year-old boy who went from the United States to stay with his grandfather in England. Although the grandfather was extremely mean, harsh, and selfish, the lad could see nothing but good in him. He said over and over, "Grandpa, how people must love you. You're so good and kind in all you do." No matter how disagreeable the elderly man was, his grandson saw only the best in everything he did. Eventually, the youngster's unfailing love softened the heart of the cantankerous old man. As a result, the older gentleman began to change his ways and, in time, became the unselfish, kind, wonderful person his grandson saw in him.

May we learn a lesson from the little boy and, through love, seek to bring out the best in others.

Testing My Faith

1. When it comes to the faith, I wish I knew more about _____.
2. When it comes to Bible knowledge, I wish I knew more about _____.
3. When it comes to God, I wish I knew more about _____.
4. Why do we do _____ in worship services?
5. Why don't we do _____ in worship services?
6. I've always wondered why God _____.
7. In my daily life, I don't understand how my faith fits into my _____.
8. I have always wanted to know _____ about Jesus.
9. Something I don't understand about the Holy Spirit is _____.
10. Growing as a Christian would be easier for me if I dealt with _____.