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Introduction



I have often heard it said, “**When the mountains speak, wise men listen.**” Feeling awestruck while looking at nature is not uncommon for those in the outdoor industry who are, in many aspects, “on top



of the world” through climbing, hiking and paddle sports. Being there gives the ability to see it from a perspective that many of the human race will never

have and the opportunity and privilege to carve into their minds. A view that is only possible with one’s own eyes. Many people will attempt to capture that glory with photos and I-MAX, but nonetheless will come up short. The saddest thing is that they will never know that spectacle of beauty, because to know

~ *“When the mountains speak,
wise men listen.”* ~

the difference is to experience the difference. Viewing nature on screen or in pictures cannot grasp that level of grandeur.

This reminds me of a story I once heard regarding two college students going hiking for a weekend to escape



the rigors of their studies. The two men traveled from their campus to Vermont with plans to reach the summit of the most majestic of the presidential mountain chain, Mt. Washington. With full knowledge that this mountain is known to have recorded the worst weather in history with up to 245 mph winds at the summit, they set out for the trek. After a grueling

section of the trail, they finally reached a place to sit and get some much needed water. As they did so, they looked out over the view – a view which no photograph could fully capture. They attempted to take a mental picture of the view, so they would never forget it. Then, they were rudely interrupted by a 4X4 pulling some back trail. A big husky gentleman got out with a Coke in one hand and a Big Mac in the other and leaned against the hood of his truck to take in the view. One of the hikers got so mad that he wanted to shout, because this was a view only to be admired by those that labored for it. After refraining from making an outburst, his friend turned to him and attempting to settle him down redirected his attention to the view

in front of them with a simple gesture of the hand.
“Relax man,” he said. “We aren’t looking at the same thing.”

While this story clearly shows that the man who does not labor will never know the truth in admiring and engaging in the majesty that the mountains hold, I believe it also begins to show the point I am making in this book. When people see the mountains, what do they see? When the mountains speak, wise men listen they say. Well, when the mountains speak, what do they say?

It seems that through the millions of dollars spent

in the outdoor and adventure communities others would agree that nature is astounding, and when you stand in front of it, it is truly awe-inspiring and makes you speechless. The question I would like to ask is what is going on in that moment when the mountains are so captivating it’s impossible to look away? What are the mountains saying? Are they saying anything? What goes through our minds? Is there a response to

~ *“Relax man, we aren’t looking at the same thing.”* ~

such a moment? What is the correct response? Many people will sum it up with a simple, “WOW!,” and they are right, I might add. However, they are saying

so much more. Do you hear it?

*“I believe that the mountains are
～ saying something. I believe they ～
are shouting it.”*

This is the very reason so many are standing breathless, motionless, and awe-struck staring at them. People all over the world are trying to hear what the mountains are saying. I want to share that with you, but stay with me. Just as we spend valued time in preparation before hitting the trail we must prepare for the adventure before us, because if I tell you outright you will miss the most important part - **your response!**



Part 1

Declaring Consistency



While I was in college, one of my best friends Jake and I went on a mission trip for 14 weeks over the summer. During our trip, we went to South Africa and worked alongside Scott Roloson. Jake and I love the mountains, and Scott knew it. So, while we were

on the top and ate our lunch. To our backs was the escarpment at about 9,500 feet or so. We sat at just over 10,000 feet looking at the long drop about 15 feet in front of us. I remember wanting to scream to see if it would echo across the mountains. So I opened

～ *“Be quiet; it is your turn to listen.”* ～

there, Scott was gracious enough to take us up into the Southern Drakensberg Mountain Range.

We hiked for a total of three days, eventually summiting a mountain called ‘Rhino’. Its name comes from the fact that from a distance it looks like the horn of a rhinoceros. What an awesome climb! We sat down

my mouth, but nothing happened. My mouth filled with the wind, and I almost choked. We were so exposed up there that the wind almost took us off the Rhino’s horn. We ended up sitting in the shelter of a pile of rocks that was sitting at the top. (Most people, when summing a mountain, stack a stone on the top to try and make it a little taller.) At the time, I was

just enjoying the view from the top. Looking back, however, it seems almost as if I wanted to tell the mountains something. Instead, I was told, *“Be quiet; it is your turn to listen.”* The question that automatically came to mind was: What do you have to say? Now, I know that I am “talking” to the mountains,



but this conversation played out in my mind. Then, I started thinking about what it is that makes a person so spellbound by the amazing view at the top of a mountain. The mountain must be saying something, or at least mean something. The truth is that any time I am at the center of nature, not just the mountains, I feel the same way. Whether surf fishing in the Indian Ocean, in the mountains of Kosovo, in the desert of Northern Africa, looking at Niagara Falls or the sunset over the Pacific, there is a feeling that leaves me with the inability to speak and fills my mouth with nothing but the wind. It is interesting how each of those moments nudges me to want everyone around me to shut up as well. Almost as if so much as a whisper

could overpower it and drown it out.

So here we go; I want to tell you what I have found the mountains to be saying, even shouting. What I learned was that they are not shouting at me to look inside myself, although what they are saying may cause me to do just that. They were not telling me the secret to my life as a fortune cookie does. They were telling me, over and over again, about a person. Like a masterpiece describing the one who sculpted it. The mountains were telling me about that person and their characteristics all while urging me to respond to what I heard.

What you hear them saying will change your life. Do you hear it? Let's begin looking at what it is specifically that they are shouting. I believe that the Bible is truth, so in my searching, I went there to find truth about this question that I and many others are asking.

~ *“What are the mountains
saying, and why does it propel
me to look at myself?”* ~

The Bible tells a story, an amazing story, of the world we live in - its origin, its corruption and its redemption. This story is told throughout hundreds of years and through the pen of many different authors. After creating the world, God chose Abraham to have a

unique relationship with Him, and after some time, extended that to all of Abraham's offspring, specifically through his grandson Jacob. Then, God entered into a relationship – a covenant - with those people as a nation. This story is found in the first five books of the Bible.

Deuteronomy, the fifth book of the Bible, is a review of the whole law and covenant between God and the nation – now referred to as Israel. In Deuteronomy chapter 28, we read of the effects of the nation's response to God - blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. Once they are restated, the covenant is renewed in chapter 29, and then God tells Israel a few

last things. The first is that if they are disobedient and repent of that disobedience, He will forgive them. The second is that He calls a witness to the fact that they have been told of the results that will come due to their obedience or disobedience. Deuteronomy 30:19 reads,

“I call heaven and earth to witness today against you, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live.” (NKJV)

The mountains are saying something. Did you catch it? God is calling the heavens and earth to bear witness that He will be faithful to what He promised.

Every time the nation looked at the heavens or the earth, they would be reminded of the faithfulness of God in the arrangement that He made with them. Every time they looked at the stars for navigation, every time they looked out over the land from the mountains, every time they looked from the shoreline over the seas, every time they looked at the soil yielding its fruit, the sun its warmth or the rain its thirst-quenching water for all of life, they would see God's faithfulness. The point is that when they saw either the heavens or the earth, they would immediately hear what they were saying: **GOD IS FAITHFUL!** To the nation of Israel, the blessings and curses mentioned in

Deuteronomy 30:19 were worthy of thought.

As you look at creation do you see any consistency in creation? Maybe the way it works, turns, flows or even moves? Today there are many people who are saying things like "listen closely, calm your spirit, and let

~ *"GOD IS FAITHFUL!"* ~ yourself enter into that flow, and be one with nature." RUBBISH!

You already are in the middle of nature; you were created in the same week as everything else. Stop trying to become one with it, and just listen to what the heavens and the earth are saying. **GOD IS FAITHFUL!** It shouts it, for crying out loud. The faithfulness of the Creator is found every time there is a sunrise or

sunset, every time the rain consistently gives water to the earth and every time the earth rotates on its axis or around the sun. Every moment the stars, the moon and the heavens are shouting His faithfulness. Is it any wonder that a Faithful God would create a star that always points North regardless of where we stand and place it at the exact point of the tilt of the earth's axis? Creation faithfully continues what it was designed to do - tell of the faithfulness of the one who sculpted it.

The question I have for you still remains: Do you hear the mountains shouting? When you look up into the night sky enamored by the stars on a clear night, trying to find constellations that just so happen to

be in the same place every night, do you think of the faithfulness of God? When you get to the top of a mountain and look out over the vast area before you, do you sit in excitement of the view before your eyes, and let the faithfulness of God sweep through your very soul? Every time you take your first step on another adventure, expedition or excursion, do you take a look at what is before you and consider what it is all shouting at you? They are shouting louder than you ever realized; just listen closely, and watch the very wind with the intent of entering into a conversation, and you will hear them speaking softly, while all the time shouting vigorously, **GOD IS FAITHFUL!**

Part 2

Glorious Declaration



While serving in the military from 2000-2004, I was sent overseas a few times and had opportunities to be in the middle of the desert. Some may say that this may have been a less than luxurious station, and I would agree. However, I had the chance to view the world from an altogether different perspective. For

night sky. The stars stretch from horizon to horizon, and there was nothing to get in the way. Where we were in the desert, there were no lights; light pollution was nonexistent, and there were no clouds in the sky. When I looked up, I thought, “How glorious is that?” It was truly magnificent.

~ *“The Heavens declare of the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.”* ~

instance, I stood on what seemed to be a never-ending beach - no water and no grass. In some places, the ground was covered with small shrubs or nothing but rocks of various sizes. The one aspect that caught my attention and has etched itself in my memory was the

As if that were not enough to drop my jaw out of socket, I was sitting in a fighting hole one night at about two o'clock in the morning when I saw one of the most amazing sights of my life. While the other marines were sleeping, every few minutes I would scan

the sand before me with my NVGs (Night Vision Goggles) and look for movement or anything that was out of place. For some reason, at this moment I chose to look up. I cannot explain what I saw more than to say, "You have got to try this!" I have never seen the sky like that before or since. The amount of stars that appeared in view were literally multiplied by the thousands. NVGs take the little light present and magnify it to show more of what is there. What is difficult to see with the naked eye, the NVGs make it clearer. The result was something I wish I had on film. Even without NVGs, the heavens are incredible to look at. If you have ever looked at the photos taken from the Hubble Telescope, you know what I mean.

If not, search it on Google. The sky is more complicated, beautiful and vast then you or I can begin to conceptualize in our minds. If the heavens and the earth truly are telling us of God's faithfulness, I asked myself, "Could this sky be saying much more than that?" The answer I came to was a resounding YES!



I came to a passage in Psalms 19 where David is telling us of the revelation of God. The Psalms are a collection of writings that are divided into several categories; the largest two categories are Praise and Lament Psalms. This Psalm is a Praise Psalm. It reads:

- 1 The Heavens declare of the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.*
- 2 Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge*
- 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.*

(Psalm 19:1-4a)

David is telling us that the heavens are declaring something, not only faithfulness as we have already seen, but the Glory of God. Growing up my mother was an art teacher. She taught me a lot about art and to be an art appreciator. I have learned to appreciate the artist behind the piece. I have had the privilege to travel with my mom to many art museums from the Art Museum in Philadelphia to the Louvre in Paris and the Prado in Madrid, and she has taught me so many things along the way. One thing I will never forget was the principle that what you do can have an impact that continues after you leave the room. The artists who painted and sculpted those pieces have been deceased for years but still millions of people,

including me, push into the Vatican in Rome to look at the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel that Michelangelo painted. Here is the point: David is telling us that much like a masterpiece the very heavens are declaring the glory of their creator.

David goes on to tell us

“Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.”

The question that immediately jumps to the forefront of my mind is: What knowledge? What speech? I have already looked at the faithfulness and the glory of God; is there anything else? Let's look at verse 3,

“There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.”

What an amazingly true statement. Although my experience doesn't make the Bible true, I do see the truth of the Bible played out before me. The speech has no need of a translator. So you may be asking the question, and rightfully so, “What are you writing this for?” Well, I think that the problem is that you are not listening to the mountains, not that you do not understand them. Anyone who picked this book up and decided to read it is most likely already in awe of what they see around them in the world. But if you

are not listening, you will never respond. I do not fear whether you make the right choice; I fear that you will think you never had a chance to choose. I am fully aware that people will, for whatever reason, stay clear of the wise path, but to say that you never had the chance to choose the path of wisdom is simply not true. The reason I know this is that there is no language barrier; all you have to do is listen. I am even telling you what to listen for.

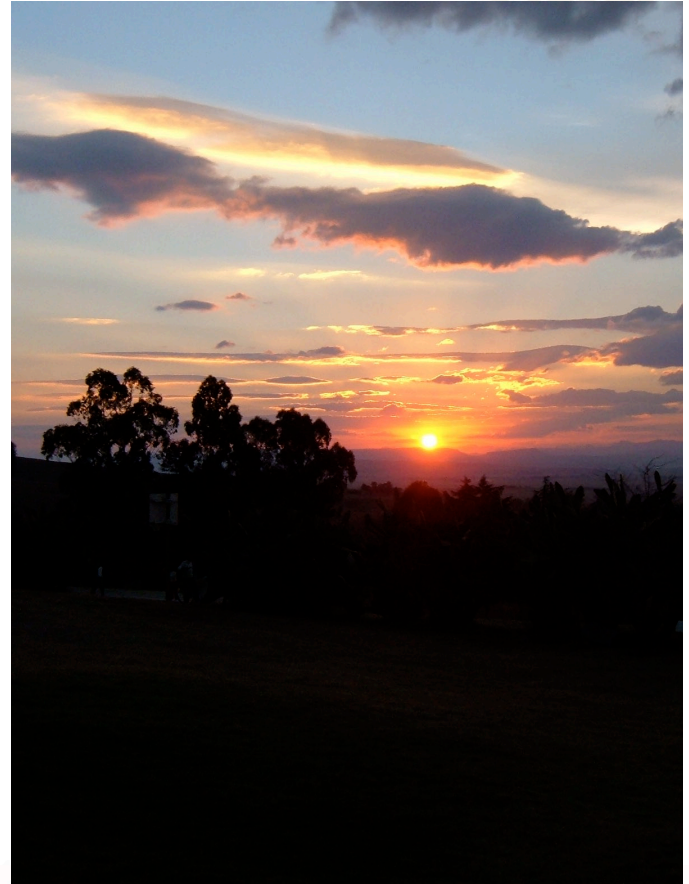
The last part of the quoted text talks about boundaries. I know the age old excuse that even I have even used myself from time to time; “But I wasn’t even there!” Something goes wrong, and how could you be

in trouble for it when you weren’t even in the room, house or even the same state? That does not work here. David tells us clearly that there is no place that the message is not heard. He says it in what I would call all-inclusive terms. Read them again:

“Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.”

The message that is being proclaimed so loudly is that of God’s faithfulness and glory. The heavens and earth declare it from every facet of their design, and we know that everyone can understand it no matter where they are or what language they speak.

The mountains are shouting loudly along with the seas, stars, day, night and the host of other parts of the created world. They are shouting concerning their creator. The shouting can be missed when you whisper if you are not paying attention.



Part 3

Shouting Stones



Many of you may be reading this at any number of places; maybe in your home, on a plane, in the car or just waiting for something to happen. You may be reading this as a teenager, a college student, a parent, or maybe those truly blessed among us, a grandparent. Some may be reading as a Catholic, a Mormon, a Muslim, a Baptist or a Presbyterian. Wherever you are in life, some of you may agree with what I am saying and others may not. I anticipated this and want to share with you what I believe.

So many people find the earth so beautiful and breathtaking. They will endure pain and trials attempting to reach these beautiful and breathtaking

places to see it for themselves, because they believe that pictures will never do it justice.

The reason I believe that people will search the world for those sights is quite simple. The mountains are saying what you are not. Yes, you heard me correctly. They are saying what you are not. As some of you may have guessed, I am going to the Bible. This time,



I want to show you something that Jesus himself said. Now if you have come this far, do not turn away; all religions tend to believe that Jesus' words were worthy of listening to. We will talk more about who Jesus is in chapter four, but right now just listen to what He says. In Luke 19, we have entered into the Passion Week of Christ - the last week before Christ is crucified. The place I am focusing on is the Triumphal Entry when Christ comes into Jerusalem on a donkey, and the people lay before Him their coats, praising Him and treating Him as their King. We hear what the people are saying as Jesus enters the city in Luke 19:37-38. It says:

37 *"Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had had seen, 38 saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

At this point, the Pharisees, a group of hypocritical religious leaders, jump up to try and corner Jesus. They have been attempting this for a while now, and eventually they are the ones participating in Jesus' crucifixion. But at this point, they stand up and speak to Jesus in verse 39.

39 *“And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”*

Now the Pharisees think that Jesus is not worthy of praise fit for a King; this is exactly what I want you to see. This is where many of you are; you may see Jesus as a great teacher or maybe a great prophet, but you miss who He truly is. Listen closely to the response Jesus has for these men. Jesus’ response is recorded for us in verse 40. Here it is; let this sink in:

40 *“But He (Jesus) answered and said to them, ‘I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.’ “*

Did you catch that? Read it again:

“But He (Jesus) answered and said to them, ‘I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.’ “

I told you that the mountains are shouting; I showed you what they are shouting, and now you must confront why they are shouting. The simple fact is this: you were silent. When that happens, the very stones cry out. Yet we wonder, “Why is looking at a massive mountain of stones so breathtaking?” Answer: Because they are shouting really loud. What do you do when someone hits the car horn? You look in that direction, and try to figure out what they want. The mountains

are screaming, and now they have your attention. Can you imagine what a massive landscape will become if you are no longer silent? Do you think you can drown them out? My point is simply this, join the chorus. You do not have to be on the side lines for this. You do not have to sit on the bench. People all over the

more than that. Listen to it, and join the song. If you were to only look at the mountains for your whole life, you may be convinced that you are full at the end of your life. Look at it this way. A small cup can fill up very fast. Pour that cup into the ocean, and you will never be able to distinguish what was there be-

*Blessed is the King who comes in the
name of the LORD!*
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

outdoor adventure industry are telling us that we need to get into nature and meditate on it; feel the flow and become part of it. You already are part of the creation and the natural world; I am telling you to be

forehand from that which you added. If you join the song, the mountains will be the least of the things that overwhelm your soul and make you gasp for air. The things of God will break any fathomable boundaries

you could place on joy, wonder and belonging. The choice is yours. Will you join the song and the shouting, or will you continue to be a cause for why they cry out to your silence. Do not be silent; accept their message. You may be wondering “what if I don’t?” For many that is a real question, lets continue and look at how the Bible answers that question.



Part 4

Falling Rocks



Over the last few years I have enjoyed taking some trips to northern Ontario in Canada to visit the Algonquin Provincial Park. These trips have partly been for business, but mostly all for pleasure. I had a good job. Each time I have been able to enter the park for about a week at a time and enjoy the vast wilderness that is roughly half the size of New Hampshire. On the last of such occasions, I had the privilege of visiting a section of the park with my wife Stacy. We went to the East side of the park and kayaked through the Barren Canyon, which is where the river flows between 300 foot cliffs. This was one of the greatest places I have ever been able to go to, especially with my wife. After kayaking the river, but before we left

the park, we were informed about a hiking trail that goes along the top of these same cliffs and is well worth the time. So, off we went to explore the trail as



well. What a view; all the things we have talked about were so true here. The whole thing was spectacular. One thing stuck out to me. There was a small sign

nailed to a tree that pictured a cliff with the underside of it falling away. It was a warning to people who were nearing the edge of the cliff. I was not surprised that this sign was there, but I was somewhat struck by the size of the sign. It was diamond shaped, no bigger than 5 inches from top to bottom. I guess I just thought it would be bigger.

Why did that strike me? What happens if someone does not see it, or does not take time to look at it or understand what it is saying? What if they go out on the edge, and it gives way, dropping them some 300 feet to the river? What then? The harsh truth is they will most likely die. Whether they realized what was

going on or not, the failing rocks on the edge are enough to bring them down.

Whether you or I know the sign is there or not does not change the outcome. When we see the message, we are able to alter our route, so we do not walk right off the cliff. Do you see where I am going with this? Let's look at one last part of the Bible before we close our time together. We are going to Romans 1:18-20. This passage talks about the power that the heavens and the earth have when they proclaim the message. Let me remind you at this point that they are doing so constantly and we are all in amazement. Here is what it says about the power of their message.

18 *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven (that is the message) against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men (that is the sin), who suppress the truth (do not listen to the message) in unrighteousness,*

19 *"because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them (shown in the heavens and the earth).*

20 *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes (faithfulness, glory) are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made (all creation), even His eternal power and Godhead (that is His Divinity), so that they are without excuse."*

Did you catch that last line, ***"SO THAT THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE"***. The reason I am writing this book is fueled by the truth that is in this verse. If you do not listen to what the mountains are shouting, it is enough to condemn you for eternity. If you had to hear the message of Christ and deny Him and His message before being held accountable for it, then I could do you a favor and never tell you. That way, you would never have to deny Him, and you would

be okay. That is not the case. Whether you receive or reject the message is not what will condemn you; you are condemned already. Unless you embrace the message of Jesus Christ, you will continue on the condemned path.

Everyone is just standing, looking at the beautiful scenery and enjoying the outdoors searching within themselves how to become one with nature. All that

rubbish is not what the mountains are shouting at you, me and the rest of the world. They are shouting quite clearly

“GOD IS FAITHFUL! GOD IS GLORIOUS! GOD IS TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION. GOD, GOD, GOD! IT IS ALL ABOUT GOD. IT IS NOT ABOUT US AT ALL.”

All you have to do is listen. The mountains are shouting continuously. They have been their whole existence. The move is now yours. The choice is yours to make. God has already demonstrated His love for you by sending His son to die for you. His creation

is constantly shouting about Him. What will be your response to the mountains? Will you praise God, or will the rocks continue to cry out on their own?



Part 5

Quiet Contemplation



While I was serving in the U.S. Marines for four years, I had to take a lot of orders. I do not think I ever really enjoyed taking orders, but I learned really fast in boot camp that there is a proper way to

“Aye Sir” would be synonymous with “I understand the order just given and will complete the task assigned.” It is not so much about just saying yes, it is about announcing your understanding of the order

~ *“He is faithful, and the mountains will remind you of just that.”* ~

respond to the orders. If it is a question, a simple “Yes Sir” or “No Sir” works well. However, when it is a direct order “Yes Sir” or “No Sir” do not work so well and neither does silence. I learned that one the hard way. If it is an order, you respond with a loud resounding “Aye Sir”. Now, for those of you who are not familiar with military lingo, let me translate.

being given. Accepting the message creation is shouting is not much different. The point in accepting the message is not to share some new information that was not heard before, but aligning yourself with the information already provided. In this case, it would be the things of God Himself that you are agreeing with.

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God created the universe. Some time after that, man, more specifically, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God's commands. When they disobeyed, sinned,



some things happened. Most importantly, the perfect communion between man and God was torn apart,

and they were separated from His presence. This consequence has been passed down from generation to generation because of Adam. You and I were born into that separation. Due to this separation, we are no longer able to be in the presence of God. So, we must have a way to get there, or we will be eternally separated. Being eternally separated from God means, quite literally, Hell. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, came to earth and took on the flesh of a man, so that He could live and die for us. The result is that we are saved from this separation. Three days later, however, He rose from the dead. After a short time, he went back to be with His Father in Heaven, where He sits at His right hand with the power to give you eternal life.

NARROW THE FOCUS

What does this all mean to you? What does it change, if you understand these things clearly? Honestly, nothing; if all you do is believe that God exists. The Bible tells us in James 2:19,

“You believe that there is a God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble.”

Follow me through a few verses that will shed some light on the message. If you already believe what I am talking about, do not skip this section; the message never gets old. If you happen to have a Bible handy, grab it and look these verses up for yourself. First, let's

consider Romans 3:23 which says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

We talked about this a little before; there is no man or woman that is perfect. Just look at the 10 commandments; have you ever stolen, lusted after a woman or man, committed murder, taken God's name in vain, coveted something someone else had? If you answered yes, then you are a sinner. If no, then I call you a liar. If I am right, then you broke that commandment, and it puts you in the same group with the rest of us. We are sinners, and we fall short.

Check out another verse, Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

What has sin earned me and you? Death. But, there is a gift from God that is life, and it is found in Jesus.



Let's keep going; look at Hebrews 9:27.

“And it is appointed for men to die once, but after that the judgment.”

Once we die, there is no second chance; after that moment, we are waiting for judgment, and our wages will get their earnings.

Flip back over to Romans, and look at 5:8 this time.

“But God demonstrated His own love toward us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

While we were sinners, before we did anything, God made the first move and died for me, to show me His love. He died in my place, so that I have another option. What is that other option?

Turn to Ephesians 2:8-9.

“For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.”

There is that gift again! What is the gift? The gift is life instead of death. How you gain the gift is through faith. Have faith; receive Christ for who He is - the Son of God who came to earth, died for your sins,

rose again defeating death and returned to His Father in heaven. He took upon Himself our punishment for our sins, so that we can live with God for eternity. Do not stop just yet though, look at what John 1:12 has to say.

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

When you receive Him you are called a child of God. How do you know that you are saved? Look at this last verse with me, Romans 10:9-10.

“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”



If you believe this, I challenge you to shout obedience, and tell God what you believe. Again, to use my illustration, it is not that you are telling him anything He does not already know, but with your mouth you are aligning yourself with Him. If you were to pray, it may sound something like this. Father in Heaven, I know that I have sinned and that the punishment for my sin is death. I know that Jesus is your only Son and to demonstrate Your love for me He died in

my place. I believe that He is Your son and that He died in my place so that I could accept the gift of life. Please forgive me for my sins and help me change my life to live for you. Amen.

If you have just prayed, then I would love to say to you, Welcome to the family of God! Your life will

slowly change from the inside out. Do not be afraid, but continue to talk with God daily, and read the Bible. When times get rough, do not give up on Him. Remember, **He is faithful, and the mountains will remind you of just that.**



Conclusion



While many people will ignore this truth or stare it straight in the face and choose to walk a different path, there are those who will heed the words of the mountains. They will hear their shouting so clearly that it will deafen their hearts to anything else but the praise of their Creator. The moment that decision is made it will dramatically affect the person. The one who responds to their Creator is full of great joy, while the one who walks away will eventually die.



Let me return to the statement previously mentioned in this book – the statement that I confronted. “*When the mountains speak, wise men listen.*” It may not hit

you all at once. Whether you are a believer or are searching this thing out for the first time, the day will come when you look at an amazing picture, and this issue will come back to your mind like a freight train. It may be when a

friend shows you some pictures from their trip, when you’re looking through a magazine at the doctor’s

office or when you're watching television. Whether what you see is in person or not, you will remember this issue. Those in the midst of it will feel its power and have to face it each time. No matter what you are

~ *"What are the mountains saying?
...will you listen?"* ~

awestruck by, whether it is a sunset, sunrise, mountains, deserts, canyons, rivers, oceans, trees, animals or the stars, the day will come when this small book pops back up in your head. You will think back to what I have shared with you. The real question is not "What are the mountains saying?", but "Will you listen?"



When you stand in the midst of that awesome view, ask yourself this question:

*What will my response be to the
mountains?*

