All Creatures Pour Out Speech

TESTIMONIES OF WISDOM

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How can we help the next generation know God and walk humbly with Him?

God's Word: In Scripture, God reveals who He is and how we are to walk with Him. His Word is perfect, reviving the soul; sure, making wise the simple; right, rejoicing the heart; pure, enlightening the eyes; clean, true, and righteous altogether (Psalm 19:7-11).

God's Creation: God reveals the truth of His Word through His creation. Day to day, God's creation pours out speech and knowledge that is found in His Word.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.... The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

(PSALM 19:1-3.7)

We can help the next generation grasp Scripture by showing it illustrated in God's creation. For example, seagulls flying and calling, roaring waves, and colorful rocks and plants of the coastlands are a testimony of God's reign:

"The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice, let the many coastlands be glad." (PSALM 97:1)

Apply the metaphor of the coastlands. Rejoice in the LORD's reign by "singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

Along the way in this book, I provided sample prayers to encourage praise to God as you read. Take these words and add your own as you and your family give praise and adoration to the Creator. Consider reading 1-2 pages of the book a day as a devotional and meditate on the greatness of God.

"On your wondrous works, I will meditate"



Lesser Goldfinches, Elizabeth, Colorado, August 31, 2018

God's works speak the truth of His Word. His numerous creatures tell of His splendor, majesty, greatness, and goodness.

"On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness."

(PSALM 145:5-7)

Everything that was made is significant, even flowers, butterflies, turtles and birds. God used the picture of birthing mountain goats, the freedom of wild donkeys, the strength of horses, and the migration of hawks, to illustrate who He was to Job (Job 39). The pictures helped Job to understand His position before God.

"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

(JOB 42:5-6)

"But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; ... and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind." (JOB 12:7-10)



Young female Broad-Tailed Hummingbird, Elizabeth, Colorado, September 7, 2018

ow do we know that God holds us in His hands, including every breath? An indirect way is by observing His creation of birds. We find that the birds are adorned with remarkable beauty, abilities, and protection, according to God's care.

Dear God, Thank you for giving us hope as we see your hand upholds all life.

"Hear, O my people ... O Israel, ... I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." (PSALM 81: 8A-10)



Broad-Tailed Hummingbirds, Elizabeth, Colorado, August 7, 2017

od's steadfast love for us is exemplified by a mother bird and its chick as a living parable. The chick illustrates our dependence on God. With much faith in God's promises, our mouths are open wide to feed on His Word and to pour out our soul in prayer and praise. The God of mercy who brought His people out of Egypt is pleased to fill the mouth of the hungry soul with every good thing. He "is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).



There's not a plant or flower
Below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests
Blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life
From Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, are present there.

—I Sing The Mighty Power of God, Isaac Watts, 1715

"O Lord my God, you are very great!
... you water the mountains ...
The high mountains are for the wild goats."

(PSALM 104:1,13,18)

Mountain Goat, Gray's Peak, July 4, 2015 "Is it <u>at your command</u> that the <u>eagle mounts up and makes his nest on high</u>? On the rock he dwells and makes his home, on the rocky crag and stronghold. From there he <u>spies out the prey</u>; his eyes behold it from far away." (JOB 39:27-29)



Sea Eagle, Denver Zoo, Colorado, November 3, 2017

agles are gifted with keen eyesight, enabling them to find food as they soar high in the air. They use thermal updrafts to carry them upward. This behavior, according to God's will, is a living parable of our life in Jesus. He gifts us with what we need to serve Him and lifts us in His strength to do it. "As each has received a gift, use it ... as one who serves by the strength that God supplies" (1 Peter 4:10).

"Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. ... Let your fountain be blessed, and <u>rejoice in the wife of your youth</u>, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. ... For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD and he ponders all his paths." (PROVERBS 5:18-19, 21)



Parker, Colorado, December 3, 2015

man who rejoices in his wife is blessed by God. We can see in creation, as God said in His Word, that He made male and female related, different, and both essential. A doe illustrates the preciousness of one's wife: someone to cherish and honor with faithfulness. This honor is also wise before the eyes of God who judges. "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous" (Hebrews 13:4). "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14).