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AMAZE US O GOD!

O Lord. Our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! ... When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?

PSALMS 8:1,3,4

How amazing is our God! How excellent is His Name! We stand in awe of God ... and that He should be mindful of us is too wonderful to comprehend!

Who are we that God's desire is focused on us? He not only sees what we do—He knows our intention for doing it!

In the expanse of the entire universe we may seem as insignificant as the sand on the seashore—yet God's thoughts are continually towards us. With a blast of breath from His nostrils waters still heap to reveal new pathways for His people. Nothing withstands the power of God!

= FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. **PSALMS 139**

David was AMAZED. The thought that God knew every detail about him—even what he'd BECOME before he was born brought total bliss. *“Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.”*

How UNFATHOMABLE are the riches of His glory—who can know it? At two months in the womb we already have our own distinct fingerprints! God never made another set like ours—we are the one and only! No two brain imagings are identical—our thoughts create an image that's as unique as our fingerprints. So are our ears! Ear convolutions and dental records are so individual that they're used for identification.

God's thoughts toward us separate us by the littlest details. Something as insignificant as the ends of our fingers or toes, our teeth or ears, and even our thoughts makes each of us distinct—in the entire universe there'll never be another you! Who could ever make up that many different details—yet God knows even the numbers of hair on our head at this very moment!

= **SHEER WONDER**

"If the average person realized the power he wields over his life and destiny, he would live in a perpetual state of wonder and thanksgiving." **EARL NIGHTINGALE**

David Jeremiah in his book *MY HEART'S DESIRE* wrote, "But without the capacity of AWE, where we stand at the edge of ourselves and gaze beyond, we will never come into His presence." He refers back to the last days of the Apollo flights, citing a reporter's impressions: "... saw the men's eyes filled with light, their mouths wide open, their faces lit by the inner glow of SHEER WONDER."

Wonder is awe—we reverence the gifting or genius of others. Not one of the reporters covering the Apollo liftoff designed rockets, yet they watched in AMAZEMENT as the impossible happened—a rocket targeted the moon! They WONDERED with a genuine curiosity and appreciation at the extraordinary brilliance of the scientists and astronauts who could make this actually happen.

God prepared an amazing life for each of us. Dare we stand at the edge of His purpose and jump into it with all our heart, mind and soul? It's our choice whether we accept His good pleasure for us or continue to wrestle with the inconsequential. We make life more thrilling by moving beyond our fears.

= **ECSTASY**

... I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord...and I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for man to utter. **2 CORINTHIANS 12**

One of the definitions of amazement is ECSTASY. Instead of translating the Greek word ecstasy—they 'transliterated' it into English like they did the words baptism, martyr, etc. They didn't want to lose the fuller meaning of ECSTASY by limiting it to one word so they made it a NEW WORD in our language.

Ecstasy: EK—'out of,' and STASIS—'a standing.' It's our reaction to an outstanding or extraordinary occurrence—so much so that our mind is thrown into a state of surprise or fear, or both. The scripture often refers to it as a trance—an 'out of mind' experience.

In a trance our normal consciousness is overtaken by the paranormal—the heavenly vision seems to completely captivate our soul. The Apostles Peter "fell into trance"

during prayer and saw a vision—heaven opened and a sheet descended with unclean animals in it ... and the Gentiles were ushered into God’s grace.

The Apostle Paul gave his testimony saying, *“Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance.”* Paul saw God talking to him. It was an ECSTATIC experience—he felt it unlawful to speak the details.

= **HE IS WONDERFUL!**

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father Prince of Peace. **ISAIAH 9:6**

Angels heralded the birth of Jesus to lowly shepherds—not to the king or the priests. They were amazed at the wonder of the historical happening. That night shepherds heard the angels sing. We still sing the Names of God. We call Jesus “Wonderful” ... but so did his parents—

When Jesus was twelve His *family* “*found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were ASTONISHED at His understanding and answers. So when (Joseph and Mary) saw Him, they were AMAZED.*” Scholars believe that ‘Wonderful, Counselor’ is actually a compound title—at twelve Jesus already exemplified the attribute of Wonderful Counselor.

= **THEY WERE AMAZED AT HIS POWER**

“Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. An all the multitudes were AMAZED and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” **MATTHEW 12:22-23**

Everything about Jesus was AMAZING! He was God in flesh. The demonstration of His power is phenomenal. Everyone who believed in Jesus was healed.

His testimony went abroad because people were AMAZED at the power of God ... at the mention of His Name today people are still healed.

= **HE IS RISEN!**

“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they were AMAZED. **MARK 16:6-8**

Again the angels heralded a mighty happening—the Risen Christ. An angel spoke to Mary Magdalene at the tomb and she fled. When others heard her testimony they didn’t believe it at first either—it was too amazing to be true.

On the road to Emmaus Jesus spoke to two disciples about what had happened to Him. AMAZED they said to each other, “*Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?*” They ran back to Jerusalem to tell the apostles the amazing news!

= **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house ... then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **ACTS 2**

Many of the disciples along with the mother of Jesus and His brothers were staying in an upper room near the temple. It must have been AMAZING to see Jesus ascend into heaven. But now reality set in—they really didn’t know what would become of them.

One hundred and twenty of them gathered together to pray and reminisce. They spoke of the promise that He’d send His Spirit and speculated how His ministry might continue—even casting lots for a replacement for Judas.

What happened on Pentecost was AMAZING! God set spiritual FIRE on each of their heads! They wondered how this could happen—fire that doesn’t burn? ... speaking a language they never learned? It was amazing! Can you imagine the excitement—the ECSTASY?

= **WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?**

When the sound occurred the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were AMAZED and marveled, saying to one another, “Look are not all these who speak Galileans?...So they were all AMAZED and perplexed, saying to one another “Whatever could this mean?” **ACTS 2**

The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Bride of Christ. The sound of it EXPLODED through the barrier of heaven and into our dimension—like breaking through the sound barrier.

Suddenly’ is also a SHIFT in dispensations. In the fullness of time there was a radical shift in the operation of God in the earth. He set a spiritual fire on each head to symbolize His fire on the Ark of God—signifying that in this dispensation His Presence would rest in each man’s heart. How AMAZING is that? Paul said, “*Do you not know that you are the TEMPLE of God and that the Spirit of God DWELLS in you.*”

Most of us can relate back to the moment we were ‘born again’ and the ECSTASY we felt. We expressed it praising God in a language or tongue we never learned!

Something SHIFTED in the dispensations two thousand years ago and God EXPLODED into our world! If we find Him in our hearts we have the tools to transcend into the spiritual. We

then become a portal to the spiritual dimension for others to find Him as well ... and everyday is simply AMAZING!

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