

## Devotion #1 - Psalm 19:1

The earth is not a boring place to live in. For the scientist, meteorologist, astronomer, and others who study the sky and the earth, the earth is full of exciting new discoveries. The skies are full of wonders.

Even the average person like you and me can find something new every day. You can lay on your back in the grass and look at the big fluffy clouds slowly sliding across the sky. Each cloud takes on a shape that stimulates your mind to think of animals, plants, people and machines.

You can watch as storms quickly race across the horizon being chased by lighting bolts and yelled at by big claps of thunder.

From science books, you learn that clouds are formed by water droplets. When there is enough of those droplets joined together, the clouds drop the water upon the earth in the form of rain, snow, sleet and hail.

Scientists will try to have an answer for every situation, and every happening that takes place. Weather forecasters try to predict what the weather will bring. They want to find answers to everything. That is why we learn more and more about the earth every day. But, the greatest joy in this process of exploring is the fact that Psalm 19:1 brings out. God is in control. At his command and desire, the clouds move in the direction mapped out for them. The rains and snow fall only when he determines it. The storms beckon at his command. Remember how the people marveled when Jesus calmed the storm by just speaking to it!

While there seems to be a scientific answer for the way things happen in the sky, it is a joy for the believer to realize that God controls it all. In good weather and bad, God is there providing nature's way of taking care of the earth. The Bible speaks about God in the heavens. Just look up and see what he is doing every day. It is not by chance or a stroke of luck that makes the weather do what it does. It is carefully planned out by a loving and all knowing God. Think about why God allows storms. Think of ways in which God blesses us with the weather. Thank God for everything.

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, we stand in wonder and awe at the way the weather changes, the clouds change forms and how the earth benefits from what takes place in the skies. We are truly thankful for the weather that brings us sunshine, rain and snow. While we may complain about the weather, let it be a lesson to us that you are in control and you are doing what is best for the earth and for each of us. From the Bible we learn that you are in control and we ask that you

continue to use the weather to benefit this earth that we live on. Make us ever thankful for all of your blessings, especially for the blessing of Jesus who will carry us to our heavenly home one day. AMEN.

HYMN: 15 (TLH) 250 (CW)