

## “TAKE ME BACK TO WONDER”

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Have you ever thought about the word “wonder”?

Webster defines it as...

**Wonder:** verb – to have a feeling of awe or admiration; marvel

**Wonder:** noun – An event inexplicable by the laws of nature,

A miracle

An emotion

One that arouses awe, astonishment, surprise or admiration; a marvel

To me, the best definition is given by WIKIPEDIA: to be absolutely mute in the presence of sheer awesomeness and to feel peace and ultimately at one with yourself and to stand in absolute admiration.

So, the question begs to be asked, “What causes you to wonder?”

Have you ever seen a 2-year-old who’s discovered a roly-poly?

For just that moment...nothing else exists. The child becomes lost in discovery and delight ...lost in something that causes him to marvel.

I am certain that that is how Paul felt when he describes his visitation to a place, we all can only imagine seeing. *“I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don’t know—only God knows... But I do know that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.”*

*2 Corinthians 12:2*

Speechless – In absolute wonder.

We are all born with a flame called “wonder” that burns within us to make new discoveries. That is why I believe that wonder and worship are so closely linked. Every revelation of God – whether in His Word or in His creation, should provoke in us the knee-jerk reaction of worship. The greater the revelation – The greater the worship.

Lack of Expectancy...Worldliness...Apathy...and Unbelief are all enemies of wonder.

We should be asking God for more fuel. Show me Your Glory Lord. Don’t you want your wonder-meter to peg off the charts. After all, our great Jewel of Heaven (Jesus) is endlessly faceted. For all eternity He could spin before us and never come to an end of His marvelous wonders. Besides, I would rather be chided by God for not knowing just how big of a thing I’m asking for, than fall short and miss so very much.

Moses asked.

Moses had great expectations of God. He saw God in the burning bush that was not consumed. He saw Him in the pillar of cloud every day and in the pillar of fire every night, he saw His hand sustaining the sea as the shadowy figures of sea creatures were swimming through the walls of water that was called the Red Sea, he experienced Him on the smoking mountain top that rumbled with His voice.

And yet... when given the opportunity, what does Moses ask for...**MORE!!!** Show me your glory.

Take us back to wonder Lord. Take us to the place where the things of this world are paled by You!