

*"For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the Voice of Words; which Voice they that heard intreated that the Word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, 'I exceedingly fear and quake:')*

***Hebrews 12:18-21 KJV***



Can you imagine standing at the foot of Sinai as the thunder of God's Voice and the lightnings of His power emanated from the veil of clouds that covered its peak? They dared not even touch the mountain! *"And the LORD said unto Moses, 'Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever.' And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Moses, 'Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live.'*" God could have easily executed any who touched Sinai, but instead gave the execution of the commandment to men. The same is true of the Gospel. His power and presence are daily declared in Creation, but He has "*chosen the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*" It is not foolishness to God, but rather perceived as foolishness by ignorant men who prate about and pride themselves in their puny efforts and strength, but can't even withstand the fury of God's Creation! All they can do is throw money at the aftermath! God demonstrated His greatest power on our behalf when He killed death by dying! He abdicated every iota of His infinite power, submitting Himself to the vilest of men and demons, and after they had done their worst, He came forth in mighty power and glory "*the third day*" to prove once and for all who eternity's Sovereign is! *"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross: And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."* Ancient conquerors would ride the conquered king's horse through the streets of the capital city with the king in tow behind completely naked on the way to his public execution. This is what Paul refers to with phrase, "*made a show of them openly.*" Omnipotence flicked death away as easily as we flick away a speck of dust!

The mighty pow'r of God displayed,  
Is in the firmament arrayed,  
And none will have a word to say,  
Before God's Throne on Judgment Day! ~CGP

How can we not trust God with our very existence when confronted daily with the fiery orb from God's spoken Word as it sails from eastern horizon to western horizon; when scientists tell us that we stand on a thin crust of earth floating on massive seas of molten rock; that our earth is but a speck of dust in the vast expanse of stars and galaxies: Why would we even consider disobedience or unbelief? "*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE, WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD.*" Not one whisper of excuse will be heard before the Great White Throne of Supreme Justice for there will be none to utter! Those who think to bargain or plead with God in the Court of Final Justice, will know their idiocy and folly even before arriving to hear their deserved and eternal sentence! Their minds will be eternally seared by memories of their own reprobate disdain and rejection of Truth as they writhe in everlasting torment! They'll know through eternity they have no one to blame but themselves!

*"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for GOD HATH SHEWED IT UNTO THEM. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world ARE CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that THEY ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE!" Romans 1:19-20 KJV*

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