"Being confident of this very thing, that <u>He Which Hath</u> <u>Begun A GOOD WORK In You</u> will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6 KJV

The Taj Mahal is considered one of the wonders of the world. It took 12 years to build, but it is nothing more than a tomb. For all its earthly grandeur it is nothing more than a "whited sepulchre," a memorial to a king's beloved wife, her tomb. It had, in the beginning, jewel encrusted walls. Thieves stole the jewels, and the building had to be restored. To maintain its beauty, much labor is required. If a mere mortal can cause to be constructed such a marvel, what, do you suppose, will the



finished work of God appear to be? Was it not Jesus who began the work of Salvation? Did His Word not open the eyes of faith in your soul? "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His Good *Pleasure*." Believers are living memorials to Christ's Love and sacrifice, and our souls are still being sanctified, set apart from sin through faith. Christ prayed for all believers before going to the Cross, "Sanctify them through Thy Truth: thy Word is Truth." God builds on many levels in our lives; predicated upon His Word. He first saves us "by grace through faith" in His Word by creating a new and living spirit within us which seals our destiny in Heaven with Christ. He then saves our souls through our love and faithful obedience to His Word. He works in and through us to perform His miracles in other's lives. Finally, God will save our bodies by transforming them into heavenly bodies with His Word at Christ's return for His Church. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we (believers) shall not all sleep (die physically), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions: I go to prepare a place for you." In his vision of the future John writes, "I saw a NEW heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." God needs no other to do His work. He does it all Himself. If the present "cursed" creation is any hint, then we're in for a real treat. Man's greatest wonders pale beside the wonders of creation. The Grand Canyon, Mt Everest, and the Milky Way Galaxy are just a few examples of what God can do. All the wonders of men will perish! "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."

> Men cannot create a star, God's work is wonderous by far, A work in us He has begun, It will be glorious when done. –CGP

A single star is more wonderful than all men's works combined, and there are more than can be numbered! If you ever doubt God's ability, gaze starward on a clear night! Remember who watches the sparrow. Let the thunder remind you of God's Power! When gentle breezes caress your face, remember the "Still small Voice." Let the noonday sun remind you of God's Eternal Glory! Then remember, He loves you, forever! What God begins, He completes!

"Strengthened with all might, according to HIS glorious Power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (worthy) to be partakers of the Inheritance of the saints in Light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son:" Colossians 1:11-13 KJV