

SEEING THE GLORY OF GOD

Autumn is always my favorite time of the year. Every summer, I look forward to the arrival of cooler days. We were blessed with a wonderful summer this year, and I am in no position to complain even when it does get hot. As Job said, *"Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" (Job 2:10)*

Speaking of adversity, autumn is also football season. I must confess this contributes a little to my anticipation of autumn, even if the Razorbacks and Cowboys lose sometimes.

More than this, autumn brings out the beautiful color of the leaves. A short trip through the Ozarks in October brings out the awe and appreciation for the beauty of God's creation. We had the privilege of witnessing God's majesty on such a trip last weekend when we went to Fayetteville for a lectureship at the Old Wire Road congregation. The brilliant maple and sweet gum trees, along with a variety of other gum, oak, chestnut, and hickory trees against a green backdrop of pine and cedar, *"declare the glory and the handiwork of God."*

I believe God's creation does indeed reveal something about God. The mountains and oceans make me consider God's greatness and majesty. The sun and stormy weather make me think of God's power. The beautiful autumn trees and sunsets make me think of God's beauty.

The beauty of God's glory is especially seen in His holiness. We should be in awe of God's holiness, which is spiritually beautiful. **Psalm 96:9** says, *"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."* We are beautiful to God if we are holy. We must remember that God gave His Son to die for us so that we could be *"holy and blameless in His sight."* Let us remember that living in the footsteps of Jesus is the best way to glorify God.