**R943 Rumination for Feb. 19, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **They Marvelled** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *But the* ***M****en* ***Marvelled****, saying, What* ***M****anner of* ***M****an is this,*

 *that even the winds and the sea obey Him!* Mt. 8:27 cf. Mk. 4:41

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Marvel (Gk. *thaumazō)* from *thauma =* to *wonder*; by implication…marvel, wonder. Strong

1. **What Manner of Man is This?**
2. **The Disciples M**arvelled that the **W**inds obeyed Him. Mt. 8:23-27
3. They **S**tarted across the **S**ea of Galilee in a **S**hip. Mt. 8:23, 24
4. They met with a **S**udden **S**torm that **S**wept across it. And Jesus was a**S**leep!
5. They were **S**cared and Jesus **S**colded them for their lack of **F**aith. 8:25, 26a
6. Then He Rebuked the Winds and they **C**eased. The sea also **C**almed down. 8:26b
* And *the* ***M****en* ***M****arvelled, saying, What Manner of* ***M****an is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!*
1. **The Multitudes** **M**arvelled that He could make a paralytic man **W**alk. Matt. 9:8

*When the* ***M****ultitudes saw it, they* ***M****arvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto* ***M****en*

1. The **C**ause of the man’s Paralysis – His Sins. Matt. 9:5

*For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*

1. Jesus **C**ould **C**ast his sins away, forgiving them; at the same time, **C**ure his paralysis. See above.
2. The **C**rowd failed to **R**ecognise Jesus’ **C**haracter that He is God! Matt. 9:8

They **R**egarded Him just as one of those men to whom God gave power to heal!

* *When the* ***M****ultitudes saw it, they* ***M****arvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto* ***M****en.*

Cf. *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful;*

*but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.* Rom. 1:21

1. **The Jews M**arvelled that He could be so **W**ell-versed in the **W**ord! **Jn. 7:15**

*The Jews* ***M****arvelled, saying, How knoweth this* ***M****an letters, having never learned?*

1. They had the **W**isdom of this **W**orld which was but Foolishness before God. I Cor. 3:19

*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.*

1. They were **S**tumped not knowing the **S**criptures that **S**ought to expound on the **S**aviour. Lk. 24:25-27

Cf. *Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken…*

*And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

* ***S****earch the* ***S****criptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.* Jn. 5:39
1. **The People M**arvelled *at the boldness of* ***P****eter and John.* Acts 4:13

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they* ***M****arvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

1. Before this, **P**eter Denied the Lord three times as **P**redicted by the Lord Himself. Matt. *26:34;*

*Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee…this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.*

*And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow,*

*thou shalt deny Me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.* Matt. 26:75

1. Peter was Restored when he confessed three times that he loved the Lord later. Jn. 21:17

*He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me? ….*

*And he said unto Him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.*

1. *Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*
* Later Peter with John **S**tood up to **S**peak for Jesus boldly, and the People Marvelled! Acts 4:13
1. **What thing is this? what new doctrine is this?**
2. Jesus’ **U**nique **A**uthority: He could cast out **D**emons: Mk. 1:27

*For with authority commandeth He even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him.*

1. His **U**nusual **A**bility so **D**ifferent from the scribes: Mk. 1:22b

*for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.*

1. The people’s **U**ndisputed **A**stonishment – *They were astonished at His* ***D****octrine:* Mk. 1:22a
* The People Marvelled at Jesus’ Authority in **D**octrine and **D**eeds.
* Let us Marvel at the Person and Precepts of our Lord as we remember Him today.

*We marvel at Your mighty deeds, Lord God of time and space;*

*We praise Your truth and righteousness, great King of boundless grace:*

*For through each wonder and decree Your steadfast love we trace.*

*Who shall not pay You homage, Lord, and bless Your sacred Name?*

*Because Your just and holy works Your sovereign power proclaim,*

*All nations will at last draw near and You alone acclaim.* Carl P. Daw, Jr.

**REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK R. 943**

1. **Psalm 19 is a Psalm of Wonder at the Marvel of God’s Creation of Space, the Cosmos and the Universe.**

**They all declare His Glory…**

**Psalm 19:1-6 (HCSB)**

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands.
2  Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge.
3  There is no speech; there are no words; their voice is not heard.
4  Their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens He has pitched a tent for the sun.
5  It is like a groom coming from the bridal chamber;*

*It rejoices like an athlete running a course.*

*6 It rises from one end of the heavens and circles to their other end;*

 *nothing is hidden from its heat.*

Let us look at the Heavens – the majestic sunrise at dawn, the magnitude of its glory at noon, and the magnificent sunset in the twilight hours to marvel and wonder at its glorious colours no human hand can ever paint and give God Glory, praise and worship for Who He is.

 *Jesus, our Lord, with what joy we adore Thee,*

 *Chanting our praise to Thyself on the throne!*

 *Blest in Thy presence, we worship before Thee,*

 *Own Thou art worthy, and worthy alone.*

 *Lord, Thou art worthy: Lord, Thou art worthy;*

 *Lord, Thou art worthy, and worthy alone!*

 *Blest in Thy presence, we worship before Thee,*

 *Own Thou art worthy, and worthy alone!* H. d'A. Champney

**REFLECT**

1. **And This is Testified to by His Scriptures**

**which is itself a Work of Wonder and Marvel.**

**Psalm 19:1-14**
*17* ***The law of the LORD is perfect****, converting the soul:*

*the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart:*

*the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever:*

*the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:*

*sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:*

*and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12 Who can understand his errors?*

 *cleanse thou me from secret faults.
13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;*

*let them not have dominion over me:*

*then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14****Let the words of my mouth****, and the meditation of my heart,*

*be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.*

* Let us Marvel, Wonder and bow in Worship as we **REFLECT** on the above.

**Points To Ponder:** *The Sky and the Scriptures declare the Glory of God.*

*Let us then Marvel, Wonder and Worship our Great God.*