

"Seeing God in the unexpected, meeting God in the quiet."

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When I saw the phrase, it immediately caught my eye. No easy task is this challenge of finding God. He reveals himself in words, so we think we will find him in the Bible, but often people diligent read the Bible and only find out about him there. He reveals himself also in nature-in the spectacular created world where we live. Natural revelation is reflected in Biblical texts such as "the heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19). God reveals himself in his word-the word of God (written) and the Word of God (living). The word tells us things about God that we can never discover in nature. Some prefer to seek God in the natural world and others in the supernatural world. Regardless of your preference, the phrase speaks volumes.

"See God in the unexpected places." God is found in unexpected places. I read the Bible-I am seeking God. When I let Scriptures speak, get rid of preconceived ideas, previous readings and study, old and tried ideas-when I seek God afresh in the newness of the morning, God is in the unexpected places. Equally in nature-God is in the unexpected places. He is often most visible, not in the extraordinary where we expect to find him, but in the commonplace where we struggle to see him.

"Meet God in the quiet." God is in the quiet more than the spectacular. As in the experience of Elijah, God is seldom in the visible and obvious-the wind and the fire and the rain. His is still most often the still small voice, heard in quietness and waiting. Through the centuries, God has more often formed his people on the mountain than in the marketplace, more often in the wilderness than on Wall Street.

"God, may I see you today. Remake me, mold me, and create in me a new spirit, in your image."