

GraceNotes

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GROWING IN GRACE “The Grace of Light Come Down”

Last month a historic percentage of people (and land area) in the Northern Hemisphere were treated to a light show by the captivating Aurora Borealis, more commonly known as The Northern Lights. It happened because near record-breaking solar flares from the surface of the sun bathed our atmosphere with plasma particles redirected by the earth’s magnetic field. The result was a dazzling phenomenon of dancing streaks of colored light. Ordinarily the Northern Lights are only seen between 60° and 70° latitude, but the recent event brought the display as low as 35°. That’s as far south as Texas.

Not uncommonly people plan northern vacations specifically to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights. This time no vacation required; the lights came to us. For those who are willing to reckon nature as a great canvas on which God’s glory is manifest, the Northern Lights can be understood as ‘God’s Light Show.’ In May it was a ‘grace-gift’ that the show came south to the masses. When the masses couldn’t get to God, He came to them. It’s vintage God and it’s most ‘writ large’ with the truth of His light in Jesus.

Indeed, in Jesus God came down to man. As John 1:14 says, “*In Him we beheld God’s glory, glory as of the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*” If the Aurora Borealis is spectacular, Jesus is infinitely more so. The Northern Lights pale in comparison to the ‘Shekinah Light’ of God’s resplendent glory radiated by Jesus.

As we continue GROWING IN GRACE together, let us behold the light God has brought to us. To be sure His sun brought an awe-inspiring light show that slid south last month. But it was His Son that brought soul-saving glory light that came down to illumine every believer. To see the Northern Lights, vacate north if you please or wait until God brings them south again. To behold Shekinah Light, embrace the Lordship of Jesus right where you are right now. “*He is the true light which coming (down) into the world enlightens every man*” (John 1:9). O the grace of light come down! – from the north and, most of all, from Heaven.

In The Son,
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