

WEEK SIX
DAY TWO

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God, our God shall bless us.

Psalm 67:6

The earth

אֶרֶץ 'erets

– the earth, ground, land, world.

has yielded

נָתַן nathan

– to give, add, bestow, bring forth, deliver, shoot forth (up), yield.

its increase

יְבוּל yěbuwl

– produce, a crop, fruit, increase, figuratively wealth

God

אֱלֹהִים 'elohiym

– (plural) can mean rulers, judges; in this case the supreme God

our God

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shall bless us

יְבוּל yěbuwl

– to kneel, bless, or be blessed

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Immediately my thoughts go to what "earth" means to me. I find that the word means something God created for us to enjoy. He gave us this earth to enjoy the abundance it could yield. Adam and Eve were the first to realize the bounty the earth would yield in the Garden of Eden. I wonder if we ever take the time to realize the great pleasure, as well as the great responsibility, we have as we live out our lives on this earth. God has blessed each of us with a responsibility to care for this gift. It is an unbelievable treasure to care for what God blesses us with to enjoy!

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The thought that comes to my mind as I inhale this verse into my very being is wondering if we think on the increase of the earth God has formed, or if we take it for granted that it was made by God and will always be the same. The increase of the earth is a mystery to us, as we do not know exactly what this means. But as we think deeply on this thought, we realize we do trust that God has made this earth for our pleasure and also for us to realize the gift God has given to us. We come before our God in thanksgiving and praise for all our blessings.

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DAY FIVE

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In C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*, he points out that while we are being pulled into God by God, we still remain ourselves. He uses as an example, a map of the ocean; it shows a vast amount of water, but all we can see are the waves. So it is with the creation of the earth. We can only see what is in our view, but there is so much more that we may never see.

When I think on the big picture of our earth, I realize we have an unseen God, and we are walking on an unseen road that takes us past reality. We are looking to a power greater than all reality. It is so awesome that we lose our earthly identity and become one with the power of God. This oneness releases our struggles. We suddenly realize we are one with our God in every way. The earth is our home that we can see, but Heaven is the home we cannot see. As we give up our loved ones from this earth, we have the unconditional joy of knowing that their true home is Heaven, and that God has allowed them to enjoy the earth and all its goodness, but the real blessing is the heavenly home we shall someday enjoy.

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