

Pastor's Corner

"Clouds"

"I've looked at clouds from both sides now, from win and lose and still somehow it's life's illusions I recall I really don't know clouds at all." Joni Mitchell

After all the heat of this past summer we had a couple of nice cooler days with masses of white fluffy clouds passing by. A great time for a cloud gazer like myself. With many of my thoughts going back to childhood memories lately, one of my earliest accomplishments was that of a day dreamer and cloud watcher. Growing up in Kentucky I had ample cloudy days to lay on my back in the sweet bluegrass and define the shapes and messages the clouds provided.

So back to the present. There is something about the blue of Chino Valley skies when the heavens are framed by clouds. It becomes just about the bluest skies I have been anywhere. As I gaze to the heavens, I get a strong connection with the scriptures that speak of what's going on up there in the heavens.

Genesis 9:13

"I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth."

Deuteronomy 33:26

"No one compares to God! He rides through heaven to help you, rides majestically through the clouds."

Psalms 68:4

"Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Exalt the one who rides the clouds! The LORD is his name. Celebrate before Him!"

Are you getting the picture? In biblical times God did a lot of God's business up in the clouds. So, as I connect to these ancient thought patterns, I begin to see angels and animals and God's ever mighty presence as I gaze into the skies.

As Joni said it doesn't mean I have everything figured out, but I sure like taking the time to dream, vision and move forward in this journey of life. A journey in God's creation and grace. Jesus' shepherding of our lives, and God's Spirit infusing in all we do. All I can do is offer my thanks and gratitude.

Grace and peace to all,

Pastor Bob