

Moments of Beauty

Week 10 - Water

Tuesday, November 10



Glacier in Alaska. Photo Credit: Rob Hoffmann

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live... As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever." Isaiah 55:1-3, 10-13

One of the few ways we can witness the process of evaporation is to watch ice cubes melt on a hot day. These beautiful glaciers go through that same process over time. And we can see them recede and grow, melting and re-freezing. God says that God's word goes out into the world, to us, and does not return empty. God's word has an impact on us. But unless we are watching and listening we miss it. We just feel hot and humid and recognize that we are uncomfortable, not noticing God's word. The beauty of God's word is all around us. We must not stay oblivious to it. It will change us, molding us into new and gracious beings. Where have you been missing God's word to you? How do you hear God? Through symbols, friends, reading scripture or time spent in prayer and contemplation. Whatever it is, know that God is sending God's word into the world and it can have great impact. Even the mountains and hills burst forth into song. So, shall we.