



# Wavemakers

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*A happy Christmas to you all  
and Seasons greetings from all at Wavemakers*



As I look out of my window the sun is shining and the snow is falling. A real mixture of weather as we start this season of advent and we are just at the start of December.

For some the snow and icy weather is a nuisance and causes frustration, for others these crisp cold mornings are a delight and a joy to behold.

Often our response to this type of weather depends on the circumstances we are in and the tasks we find ourselves having to do at the time.

When we are in the full flow with our daily lives, it is so easy to forget that God the creator of the universe is in control of every, apparently insignificant detail of our lives and as we heard at Wave this year "It's all for His glory" and we are all part of a much greater story.

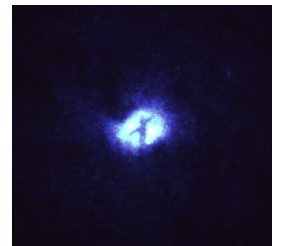


The Whirlpool Galaxy

Remember this "The Whirlpool Galaxy" it's as far out in the universe as we can currently see with the Hubble telescope and at the centre of that galaxy is a black hole.

This is the picture of that area in space.

Whilst at times we may think He is too busy with more important things, than to be interested in the everyday activities of our lives. He stops us in our tracks and reminds us that "All things were created for His glory". That Jesus laid aside that glory and was born as one of us. That God had a purpose in bringing Jesus to us, resulting in a time of great personal anguish and a seemingly pointless death on a cross. All so that we could be restored to full and intimate relationship with our heavenly Father.

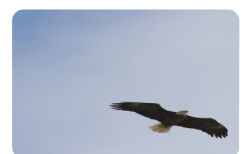


When you look at the snow and ice and can't get on with your usual routine, just take a moment to "stop" and recognise that God is in control and that as Jeremiah said "He knows the plans he has for us, that they are for our good and not to cause us harm, they give us a future and a hope". Our hope is in Jesus.

Thinking of plans, we are starting to prepare for Wave 2011 "On Eagles Wings".

The thought of soaring into the heavens as far above earthly things as possible can be a very attractive thought at this time of year. It is very tempting to get away from it all, even thinking about Wave 2011. How should we continue to develop? What should be our daily themes? Who do we have a speakers? Will we get enough team? Will enough delegates book in? The financial pressures! etc, etc, etc. All these things press in and can make a mist/fog which clouds our vision of God and can cause us try to sort things out ourselves instead of having to "Fully Rely on God" and wait on him.

It is at these times that should remember to quote the scriptures to remind ourselves the relationship we have with God. Because of sorting Wave for 2011 the scripture from Isaiah 40 is brought instantly to mind "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength ... they shall mount up with wings ... as eagles". We so often think we have to be in some super-spiritual state to even wait on God.





That phrase 'they that wait' is based around the understanding that when all around us is going wrong, is in a muddle, we can't see the wood for the trees, and we are feeling at the end of our tether.



We can stop, stand still and wait to see the salvation of our God, even when we don't feel like it or feel we don't deserve it. We wait and he reaches out his hand to us and gently invigorates us and lifts us up as on wings of eagles, to the heavenly places to see things from His view point and to gain a greater perspective and vision.

His grace is sufficient for us. Often that is a hard pill to swallow, because we believe we should be doing something and to rely totally on God is a concept that is difficult for us to grasp.

To accept that there is nothing we can do to improve our lot. He has done it all and there is nothing more we can add to the perfect salvation that He has brought to us.

As we enter this season when we celebrate His arrival on earth, let us stop and consider that we should build our lives not on the frustration and anguish that so often surrounds us but on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets who for all their faults and frustrations fixed their eyes of the creator and redeemer of the world and soared with Him on wings as eagles.

Thinking of building on a firm and solid foundation, as our children have now left home, we are in the process of building a smaller house next door and selling the one we have lived in for the last 22 years. The plans were passed and we started to dig the foundations.

As we dug into the soil we found what was the old village dump of bottles, jars and the occasional metal bedstead, this dump had laid hidden beneath the surface for over 100 years and no one really knew of its size, not even the council who had owned the land up to some 60 years ago seemed aware of its existence.

Instead of a simple metre deep trench we had to dig down some 3 metres before we found solid chalk on which to lay the foundation.

Although things are never as simple as just digging a trench. The deeper we dug the more the sides just collapsed in until in the end the only solution was to strip the old rubbish from off the site. In the end 8 \*20 ton lorry loads of rubbish were removed from the site. It looked more like we were building a swimming pool rather than a house.



Back in 1977 whilst at the Dales Bible week in Harrogate, the speaker made reference to building a new church and sitting with the Architect who drew a sketch of the proposed building. The minister then said "Oh by the way in 10 years time I plan to build a second story and extend here". The Architect began rubbing out and drawing again. The Minister said "What are you doing?" to which came the reply. "If you intend to do this, then you will need to have a bigger foundation which is deeper and stronger to carry the extra weight".

The Minister then realised why God takes the time to clear the rubbish from our lives in order to ensure that the foundations are firm enough to carry all that he intends to build in our lives.

All this extra digging and removing the rubbish has delayed us nearly 3 weeks, in deeper digging, more concrete and trench blocks to get us up to the point where we could start to lay the bricks for the visible part of the building.

Whilst it may be frustrating from a time perspective and now the icy weather is causing more delays, we are still rejoicing and trusting that God's plan and timing is perfect.



That He knows how this all fits into the bigger picture. It is for His glory so that more people may be brought to a greater understanding and knowledge of Him. That's why He sent Jesus to Tabernacle amongst us. Ours is to trust and keep walking in His presence.

Have a blessed Christmas and New year. *Richard.*