



REFLECTIONS

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**So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its enemies,**

Joshua 10:13

The Day the Earth Stood Still

"Klaatu, barado, nikto." These were the ominous words of instruction to an alien robot in the science fiction movie of 1950's. *The Day the Earth Stood Still* was about a large flying saucer that landed in Washington D.C. and its occupants, a robot and the manlike alien that controlled it, could be overcome by the vast power unleashed on them by the United States military. The earth stood still in fear. It had happened once before.

Joshua believed in miracles. He had seen them. He was there when God had parted the Red Sea. He had been fed manna from heaven and issued shoes that lasted forty years. He had seen God hold back the waters of the Jordan River; and he had watched the walls of Jericho crumble before his eyes. He even watched while God rained hail on the five armies waiting to attack his. Joshua believed in miracles; and he prayed for one more. *"O sun, stand still over Gibeon..."* (Josh 10:12) And it did.

After a few frightening days, the alien took his robot and flew away; and the earth resumed life as if nothing had ever happened. But movie goers were left wondering if aliens from outer space existed and what might happen if they found their way to earth. We too may wonder if God caused the sun to stand still over Gibeon, or was that science fiction too?

Joshua believed in miracles. So do I. We haven't seen the sun stand still in the sky like Joshua did; and most likely none of us have seen the waters of a great sea part, or even a small river part to allow a parade of people pass through. My shoes don't last forty years, and the only walls that crumble before me are those I need to stand strong. But miracles happen. I believe they happen every day.

God created the heavens and the earth. He made the birds of the air, the fish in the sea, the forests that grow, and the snow-topped mountains that stand majestically in the distance. He made the sun, the moon, and the stars above. And He created the systems that make everything work orderly together as if the system predated time. I believe in miracles because we have an omnipotent God. He can make the sun stand still or change the world at will. He has. God sent his Son into the world so we may have everlasting life.

And that miracle is enough for me.

"You are the light of the world,"

Richard +

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