

The Snowflake and You

*"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."
PSALM 139:14*

Snow is mentioned 24 times in the Bible. Isaiah 1:18 and Psalm 51:7 say that when Jesus washes away our sins, we become whiter than snow. The leprosy of Naaman and Miriam is described as being as white as snow (2 Kings 5:27; Numbers 12:10), and God's hair is said to be white like snow (Revelation 1:14; Daniel 7:9).

There are a lot of fun things you can do in the snow. You can build a snowman, construct an igloo, make a snow angel, or go sledding or skiing. All that snow we enjoy playing in so much is made up of an accumulation of individual snowflakes.

Have you ever heard the phrase "no two snowflakes are alike"? A man named Wilson A. Bentley, from the small town of Jericho, Vermont, made that incredible discovery in the nineteenth century.

In 1885, using a camera he connected to a microscope, Mr. Bentley became the first person to photograph a snowflake. After many years of diligent work, he successfully photographed more than 5,000 different snowflake crystals, and he never saw two snowflakes that were the same!

Mr. Bentley said this about the snowflakes: "Under the microscope, I found

that snowflakes were miracles of beauty; and it seemed a shame that this beauty should not be seen and appreciated by others. Every crystal was a masterpiece of design and no one design was ever repeated. When a snowflake melted, that design was forever lost. Just that much beauty was gone, without leaving any record behind."

I love where he says, "Every crystal was a masterpiece of design and no one design was ever repeated." It reminds me of the care Jesus took in creating us. Just like a snowflake, you are a masterpiece of God's creation and the design He used for you will never be repeated. Even twins are not exactly alike.

You are very special to Jesus. Only you can be the person Jesus created you to be. In Psalm 139:14, David said that he was "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God. Just as the beauty of every little snowflake gives glory to our great Creator, each person has been "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10).

By simply falling to the earth a snowflake adds beauty to its surroundings and speaks of its Maker. And as you allow Jesus to live in you, others will "see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Remember today that you have been made unique. You are special in God's sight, and like the beautiful snowflakes, your life will add beauty to this world! 🐾



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1. ATCO

2. WOSN

3. CIE

4. SARFC

5. EZREFE

6. LKNEFWSAO

7. LEGVOS

8. LOCD

9. NAONMSW

10. SIK

REAL SNOWFLAKE



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