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# GOD'S HIGHWAY

EXPERIENCE IT PERSONALLY

The Rocky Mountains of Colorado are awe inspiring to say the least. Even if you've never been there in person you have probably come across scenes of that wild beauty. On a beautiful June day I took my Sweetie Pie out to see the sights from the back of our brand new Harley dresser. Although I had been there before, it was the first time she ever traveled across Trail Ridge Road 12,000 feet up. The snow came down, the Grizzly bear glared at us as he stood tall in a meadow, the elk grazed without even looking up at us and we rode through these glorious scenes all day long. It's one thing to see pictures of these things, but to experience them personally is something else.

Key West is the destination of choice for many bikers who want to see the tropics without leaving the USA. I rode all the way with Vicky to see if it was really as interesting as they say. It was. Palm trees are standard. The beach is always within walking distance. We saw the Truman White House, Jimmy Buffett's place and Ernest Hemingway's favorite hangouts. At sunset Mallory Square filled with musicians, magicians, jugglers, fire-eaters, singers, etc for the entertainment of the onlookers. We had seen photos of the place, but to experience it personally was something else.

After these many years of two-wheeled travel we can say similar things about other famous spots like Washington, DC where we were permitted to park in front of the Capitol building; the Empire State Building where I parked right in front because a car pulled out of a parking spot just as we drove up; the Kennedy Space Center where we felt the power of the Space Shuttle blasting off into orbit. All these places are exciting to see on TV or in a magazine article, but to experience them personally was something else.

Even if you've never seen some of the locations I just mentioned, you still know how great it feels to just head out onto the highway with the wind in your face on your motorcycle without any special destination in mind. It's a feeling that goes beyond words. Non-riders might agree that it looks like fun, but they can never know what it's really all about by just watching. The old saying is "If I have to explain it, you wouldn't understand". To experience it personally is something else.

When I consider God's High Way, it's just the same thing. People who say they believe in God are a dime a dozen. People who know Him personally are rare individuals. Reading about Him is certainly helpful and educational, but knowing Him personally is something else.

Some might say nobody can know God personally,



but the Bible says otherwise. In Genesis, God's intention was seen as He walked with Adam in the garden just as two friends would do. In Revelation, God's final intention is seen when He brings the redeemed into His personal presence so we can behold His face forever. Why would God have this motive in the beginning and at the end without wanted us to know Him personally now?

Jesus said that no one can know God the Father except by coming through Him, through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. He also said, "No one truly knows the Father except the Son, and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him." Speaking of the Judgment Day Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter...I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you'." That sounds like it's of utmost importance to know God personally through Jesus Christ. These are not isolated scriptures but just a few of the many which say the same thing.

Don't be content with merely hearing about Key West, take a ride down there some day in the future. Don't be content with looking at pictures of the Rocky Mountain National Park, head out and up into that wonderland some day in the future. Don't be content to hear about God, know Him personally today, right now. Pray and ask Christ to take over your life as Lord and Savior. Ask Him to reveal Himself to you and hold on for the ride of your life, on God's High Way. To experience God personally is something else.

