

# Thunderstorms And God

*“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,  
who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.  
The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.”  
Deuteronomy 33:26-27 (NIV)*

Last night as the thunder crashed and the sky became alive with lightening bolts I stood at the window and reveled in the show of God’s power. I love the sound of the rain being hurled against the window by the winds and the flashes of lightening that run across the sky.

On the news this morning I saw footage of lightening striking the CN tower in Toronto last night. It was awesome!! This building rises over 1800 feet into the sky and can withstand winds of 240 miles per hour. It is struck by lightening many times a year and is “wired” to safely conduct the lightening strike to the ground.

It is good to look up to the heavens during a storm that rattles the windows of

your home and to witness the enormous power of the lightening as thunderbolts crackle across the horizon and the thunder rattles the doors of heaven. Most of us love the “controlled, safe fear” that comes over us while we look out the window and see the thunderstorm rage outside.

William Cowper (1731-1800) also marveled at the power and glory of God revealed in thunderstorms. In what is thought to be his last hymn before dying he penned the words:  
“He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm”

I find such imagery exciting to ponder. What is as impossible as trying to get a footing on top of the raging sea? A wild, bucking horse is mild by compari-

son to trying to saddle the storm and trying to ride it. Yet all of this is under the sovereign control of our great God.

Indeed, the “eternal God is our refuge” and we have no fear of the thunderstorms in creation or in providence. Christian, may you rest in the assurance that you are in the watchful care of the God Who “plants His footsteps in the sea” and Who has placed His everlasting arms beneath you. You may not enjoy the storms of life but you have every reason to rest comfortably in the loving arms of Him Who has made and controls all of creation.

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