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### And the Glory of the Lord Shone 'Round

I was out walking today and found myself noticing, of all things, rocks...not beautiful, colorful ones, but “ugly,” no-descript, mostly gray ones.

Now, I remember looking at rocks very similar to these, as a child, and seeing something quite different. Rather than being ugly and something just to step on, they sparkled; and I remember thinking that each one was a treasure.

But somehow...sometime...my eyes stopped seeing that sparkle and they became, simply, rocks. More's the pity for me. You see, when I re-saw that sparkle, I suddenly realized that it was all around me...even in such unlikely places as cement and asphalt streets. And, consequently, what had once seemed ugly to me was “transformed” into something beautiful; and all my values had to be...re-evaluated; because, of course, the rocks hadn't changed at all.

And maybe that's why the following passages came to mind:

“He was despised and rejected of men” [Isa. 53:3]

and yet,

“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.” [Ps. 22:27]

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But first, we must

“turn and become like children” [Matt. 18:3]

in order to see

“the stone that the builders rejected.” [Matt. 21:42]

I enjoyed that walk. It was an “eye opener.”

Thanks be to God.

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