



“...thy faithfulness reacheth
onto the clouds...”
Psalm 36:5

Clouds

Earth is a cloudy planet. Satellite images show that at least two-thirds of the globe is covered by clouds, swirling about at the beck-and-call of the wind. As a child, I used to lie and look up at the cloud formations and imagined their shapes to be all kinds of things. Sometimes clouds used to bring about a sense of foreboding into my young mind, mostly if they were dark and filled the sky just before a storm. At other times they were a thing of wonder, as the sun's evening rays fanned out from under them in great shafts of light and beauty.

Clouds are mentioned about fifty times in the Bible. Sometimes they are used to tell us about what was happening with the weather. We read of clouds on the ground, referring to smoke or dust rising. On other occasions, clouds are used in the Bible to describe the state of a person's understanding or perhaps their lack of it, about spiritual matters. Clouds are also very often associated with the

Lord's second coming. The Bible says that He will come with the clouds and those who are His will be caught up in the clouds to meet Him.

Thick, dark, grey clouds often conjure up feelings of gloom and despair. If someone is downcast, to cheer them up, a friend might say “every cloud has a silver lining”. However, to have no clouds at all would be much better. In 2 Samuel 23, there is a record of King David's last words. There he spoke about the day whenever he would leave this scene of time and go to be with the Lord forever. He described it as being like a bright and cloudless morning. What a great description, for not only will there be no clouds for a believer on that day but God has promised that there will be no more tears, sorrow, pain, death, sin and separation for all who enter into heaven's glory some day. Now that is what “blue sky thinking” is all about. ■



Look up the Bible references and match them up with the pictures shown. There will be one picture left over. That picture will be mentioned in one of the verses in Exodus 16 but which verse is it?

- » Revelation 1:7
- » 1 Samuel 20:18
- » Leviticus 26:4
- » Revelation 4:3
- » 1 Chronicles 11:22



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