Fall. Growing up on a farm this has always been my favorite time of year. Harvesting of crops meant income for the next year. A bit more time for leisure activities was taken, especially for favorites like quail hunting. There was a strong sense of completion and accomplishment as we wrapped up the year.

And even now, Fall reminds me of so many pleasant things. Football. Cooler weather, but not too cold. Beautiful leaf color. Thanksgiving. Time with friends and family.

As we see God's beautiful creation changing with the season, it is a wonderful testament to His wisdom in creating all that we have around us. As a person deeply steeped in science, I learn more every day about the complexity of the universe, from sub-atomic particles to the very moment when the universe began. This season in particular is a reminder to me of the wisdom beyond comprehension in this world as God made it. I am reminded of so many passages of scripture that attest to God's glory in His creation:

Isaiah 42:5 This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it.

Psalm 96:11-12 Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it roar! Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully.

Job 12:7-10 But ask the beasts, and they will teach you; the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you; or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

Romans 1:20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

Psalm 95:4-5 In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

Psalm 104:24-25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which

teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great.

May each one of you enjoy this season that God has given you, and celebrate His Glory!

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