

BC Strawberries are the Best!

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I may be a wee bit biased, but I truly do contend that BC strawberries are the best! There's something unique about their texture, their colouring, their smell and their taste. I'm pretty sure it's because they aren't grown in greenhouses, but in the great outdoors taking in our amazing salt-sprayed air, glorious sunshine and refreshing rains! I love June and early July because BC berries are available to enjoy! The rest of the year, I'm forced to accept California strawberries which are good, but not the "best".

As I was enjoying some berries yesterday, I was reminded again of the Creation Story in Genesis. It was Day 3 when God said, *"Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds. And it was so. The land produced vegetation; plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds."* And on the sixth day God said to Adam and Eve, *"I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."*

It is amazing to me to think that God planned for my pleasure and sustenance way back then when He created this beautiful world. He knew how much I would love BC strawberries, and He made it part of His creation as a blessing to me. That blessing started with the first man and woman, but it continues to this day. When I eat those berries, I am able to reflect on the loving goodness of my God. He didn't just make food that would keep me well, important as that is. He made food that is delicious to the taste, pleasant to the eyes, and glorious to smell! BC strawberries are a bundle of God's goodness gift-wrapped in red for me and you.

And those berries are loaded with seeds! But it's good to be reminded that when God created berries, He made them in a way that would ensure new crops every year. Again, His heart was so full of love for you and I that He planned for a

bountiful supply! So I cannot begrudge the seeds, though they do get stuck between my teeth sometimes.

When you enjoy a bowl of BC strawberries, I hope you'll take time to remember and give thanks to our good God who wants us to enjoy all that He offers us. As James 1:17 reminds us: *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ..."* Strawberries ... or more specifically BC strawberries, are definitely one of His good and perfect gifts!