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clustered into conspicuous constellations: *“He made the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades”* (Job 9:9). The remainder of the names, He retains unto Himself.

**Stars are not all the same.** Explaining that the resurrected state will vary from the current, natural state of the body, Paul wrote, *“There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory”* (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:40-41). Astronomers have come to classify stars as Red Giants, White Dwarfs, Neutron Stars, Pulsars, Magnetars, Red Dwarfs, and Brown Dwarfs.

**Stars emit sound.** Asserting His power, Jehovah asked, *“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, when **the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?**”* (Job 38:4-7). That stars produce noise was not scientifically verifiable until the advent of modern technology in 1933. The National Radio Astronomy Observatory maintains the Very Large Array of 28 antennae, or radio telescopes, in the Plains of San Augustin, 50 miles west of Socorro, New Mexico, where the unseen attributes of space are learned.

**Stars are for signs, seasons, and light.** *“God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and **let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth;**’ and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens **to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good**”* (Genesis 1:14-18). While the greater light rules the day, the lesser light rules the night; on a cloudless night, even when the moon is behind the earth, stars can illuminate one’s path. Celestial bodies have a role in determining time; certain stars can only be seen during certain seasons. Celestial navigation utilizes the movement of the stars to fix one’s location on earth. On one very special occasion, a star led magi from the East to meet Jesus after His birth in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:2, 9-10).

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## WHY ATTEND BIBLE CLASS

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So we can be prepared to give an answer for our faith (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:2; 3:15).

So we can be prepared for judgment (John 12:48).

To spend time with the Lord (Colossians 1:27-29; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7).

To be able to teach others (Hebrews 5:12; Titus 2:3; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:2; 1:5).

Because we are commanded to be students of God’s word (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15).

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**Stars are not for astrology.** The prophet Isaiah pronounced calamity upon astrologers and their like, saying, *“Evil shall come upon you; you shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; you will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know. Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail. You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; **Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you**”* (Isaiah 47:11-13). Astrologers and stargazers are in the same category as enchantments and sorceries, which God called abominable (Deuteronomy 18:11-12). The star sign under which a person is born will not determine personality, nor what events will transpire in that one’s life. Rather, personality is determined by how one keeps his heart (Proverbs 4:23) and sets his mind (Colossians 3:2). To suggest the stars have control over events is to ascribe power to the creation, rather than the Creator (Romans 1:25), which is idolatry. May all trust in the true God who created the stars, not the stars, themselves. And may the stars be useful for the purposes God intended – nothing more.

***"WHAT MUST I DO  
TO BE SAVED?"***

***ACTS 16:30***

**LEARN THE GOSPEL**

John 6:45; Romans 10:17

**BELIEVE IN CHRIST**

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

**CONFESS CHRIST**

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 3:19; 17:30

**BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

***"THE ASSEMBLING OF  
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***GALATIANS 6:1***

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James 5:16; 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9

**REPENT OF SIN**

Acts 8:22

**PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Acts 8:22

**REMAIN STEADFAST**

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

***"A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS  
LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN  
SETTINGS OF SILVER"***

***PROVERBS 25:11***

"The day you plant the seed is  
not the day you eat the fruit."

***"WHOLE COUNSEL"***

***ACTS 20:27***

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**STARS**

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**God made the stars.** In the eighth Psalm, David addressed "*Jehovah, our Lord*" whose glory is above the heavens (Psalm 8:1), and said, "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?*" (3-4). Viewing the cosmos is humbling because "*the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork*" (Psalm 19:1), yet the One who made it all gives special attention to mankind.

**Stars are beyond counting.** "*The host of heaven cannot be numbered*" (Jeremiah 33:22). To help Abraham comprehend the vastness of the multitudes he would father, the Almighty told him, "*Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them... So shall your descendants be*" (Genesis 15:5). Astronomers estimate the observable universe to contain at least ten sextillion stars and up to one septillion. That is only an estimate, extrapolated from available data, and that is only the portion of the universe that can be observed.

**God has named each star.** Despite the enormity of space, the International Astronomical Union has only ever named 495 stars, but Jehovah, "*He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name*" (Psalm 147:4). He reveals a certain few of these stars' names,  
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