

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER SERIES

# GENESIS

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

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heavens and the earth.”

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BUT IF YOU TRY  
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YOU JUST MIGHT FIND  
YOU GET WHAT YOU  
NEED THE ROLLING STONES



“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.”

(Deu 29:29, NIV)

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(historic, metaphoric, poetic, prophetic, law, letters, etc)

# GENESIS

## How it All Began

<b>FOUR GREAT EVENTS</b>				<b>FOUR GREAT MEN</b>			
<i>The Creation</i>	<i>The Fall</i>	<i>The Flood</i>	<i>The Tower</i>	ABRAHAM	ISAAC	JACOB	JOSEPH
1-2	3-5	6-9	10-11	12-23	24-26	27-36	37-50
20% of the book				80% of the book			
GOD DEALS WITH ALL MEN				GOD FOCUSES ON ONE FAMILY			
<i>The Early History of the Human Race</i>				<i>The Early History of the Chosen Race</i>			
Thousands of Years				360 Years			
MESOPOTAMIA				CANAAN		EGYPT	
<i>The Nature of God &amp; Man</i>	<i>The Principle of Judgment</i>			<i>The Response of Faith</i>	<i>The Function of Suffering</i>		

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

(Gen 1:1, NIV)

“**Before** the mountains were born or  
you brought forth the whole world,  
from **everlasting to everlasting**  
you are God.”

(Psa 90:2, NIV)

What was God doing **before** He  
created the heavens and the earth?



“Try to explain these things and you  
may lose your mind;  
but try to explain them away,  
and you will lose your soul.”

- Warren Wiersbe

“God has a **voluntary** relation to everything He has made, but He has no **necessary** relation to anything outside of Himself.”

- A.W. Tozer

God didn't create a world because He needed anything but that He might share His love with creatures who, unlike the angels, are made in the image of God and can respond willingly to His love.

## Gen 1:1-3 (NIV)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. *[summary]*

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters. *[setting]*

3 And **God said**, "Let there be light," and there was light. *[process]*

## Gen 1:4-5 (NIV)

4 God saw that the light was **good**, and he separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." **And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.**

Verses 3-25:

God said...it was “good” ...there was evening and there was morning, the \_\_\_\_ day.

Verses 26-31: **\*PATTERN BREAK\***

God said...it was “VERY GOOD” ...there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

“Then God said, “**Let us** make mankind in **our image**, in **our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.””

(Gen 1:26, NIV)



“So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.”

(Gen 1:27, NIV)

“So God *PURPOSED* mankind in his own image, **in the image of God he *PURPOSED* them;**  
**male and female he *PURPOSED* them.”**

(Gen 1:27, NIV)

**“God blessed them** and said to them, **“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”**”

(Gen 1:28, NIV)

“God saw all that he had made, and it was **very good**. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.”

(Gen 1:31, NIV)

## Gen 2:1-3 (NIV)

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the **seventh day** God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day **he rested** from all his work.

3 Then **God blessed the seventh day and made it holy**, because on it he rested from all the work of creating (*purposing*) that he had done.

Gen 2:4 (NIV)

4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the **LORD** God made the earth and the heavens.

Gen 2:7 (NIV)

7 Then the LORD God formed a man  
from the dust of the ground and  
breathed into his nostrils the breath of  
life, and the man became a living being.



“Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.”

(Gen 1:2, NIV)

“If it were his intention and he withdrew his **spirit and breath**, all humanity would perish together and mankind would return to the dust.”

(Job 34:14-15, NIV)

## Gen 2:8-9 (NIV)

8 Now the LORD God had planted a **garden** in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

9 The LORD God made **all kinds of trees** grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the **tree of life** and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.

## Gen 2:15-17 (NIV)

**15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

**16** And the LORD God **commanded** the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

**17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Gen 2:18 (NIV)

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper (עֵזֶר - ezer) suitable for him."

## Gen 2:21-23 (NIV)

**21** So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

**22** Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

**23** The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called '**woman**,' for she was taken out of man."

## Gen 2:24-25 (NIV)

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is **united to his wife**, and they become **one flesh**.

25 Adam and his wife were both **naked**, and they felt **no shame**.

## GENESIS

First Heaven & Earth

First Garden

[Tree of Life guarded]

First marriage (Adam & Eve)

Satan tempts Eve to sin

Death enters the scene

Babylon built

The Redeemer promised

## REVELATION

New Heaven & Earth

Final "Garden City"

[Tree of Life available]

Last marriage (Lamb & Church)

Satan into the lake of fire

Death is no more

Babylon destroyed

The Redeemer reigns





“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.”

(Psa 19:1-2, NIV)

“Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.”

(Isa 40:26, NIV)





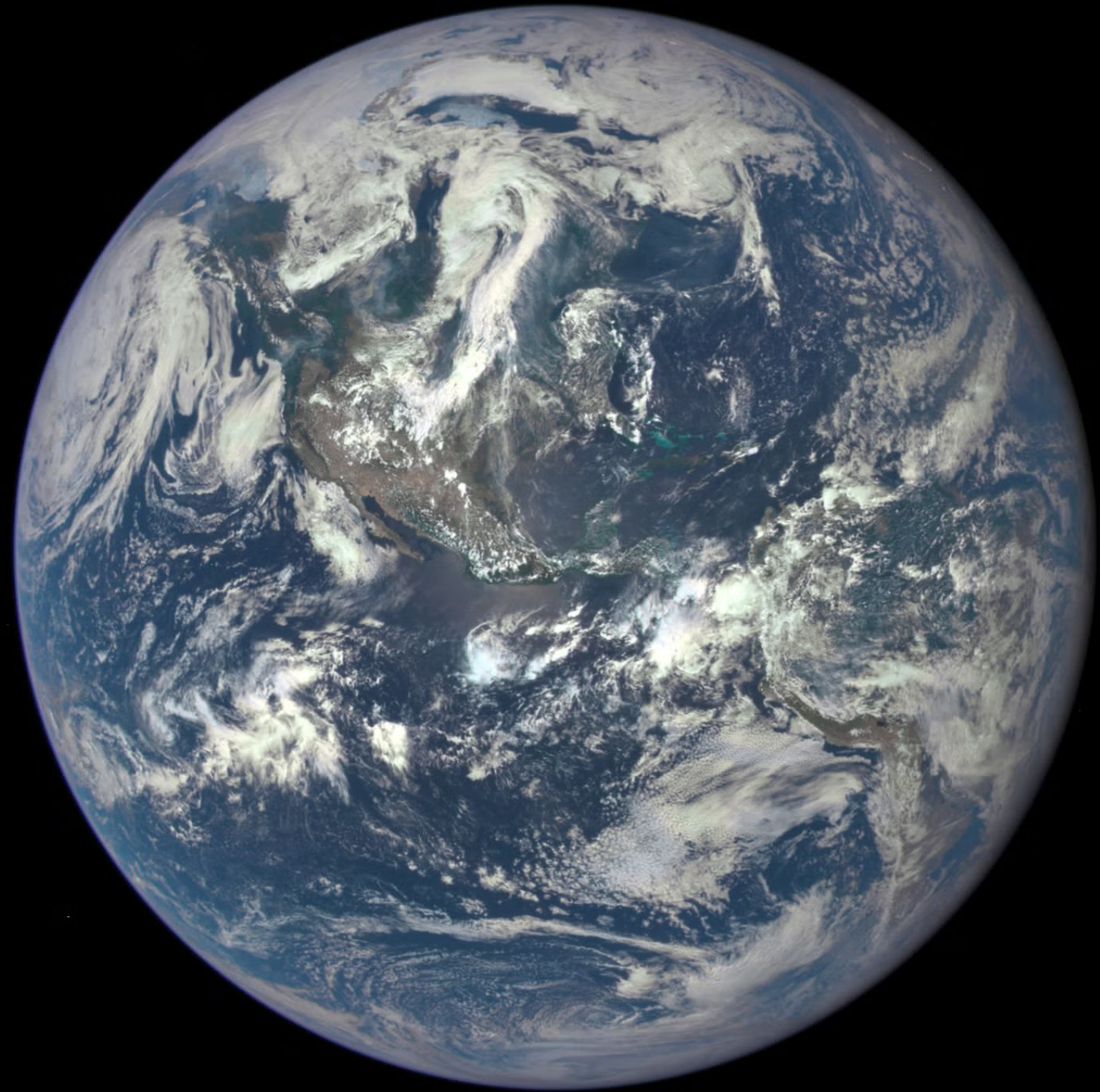
# Speed of Light

186,000 miles/second











Mercury

Venus

Earth

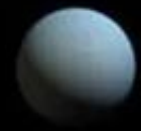
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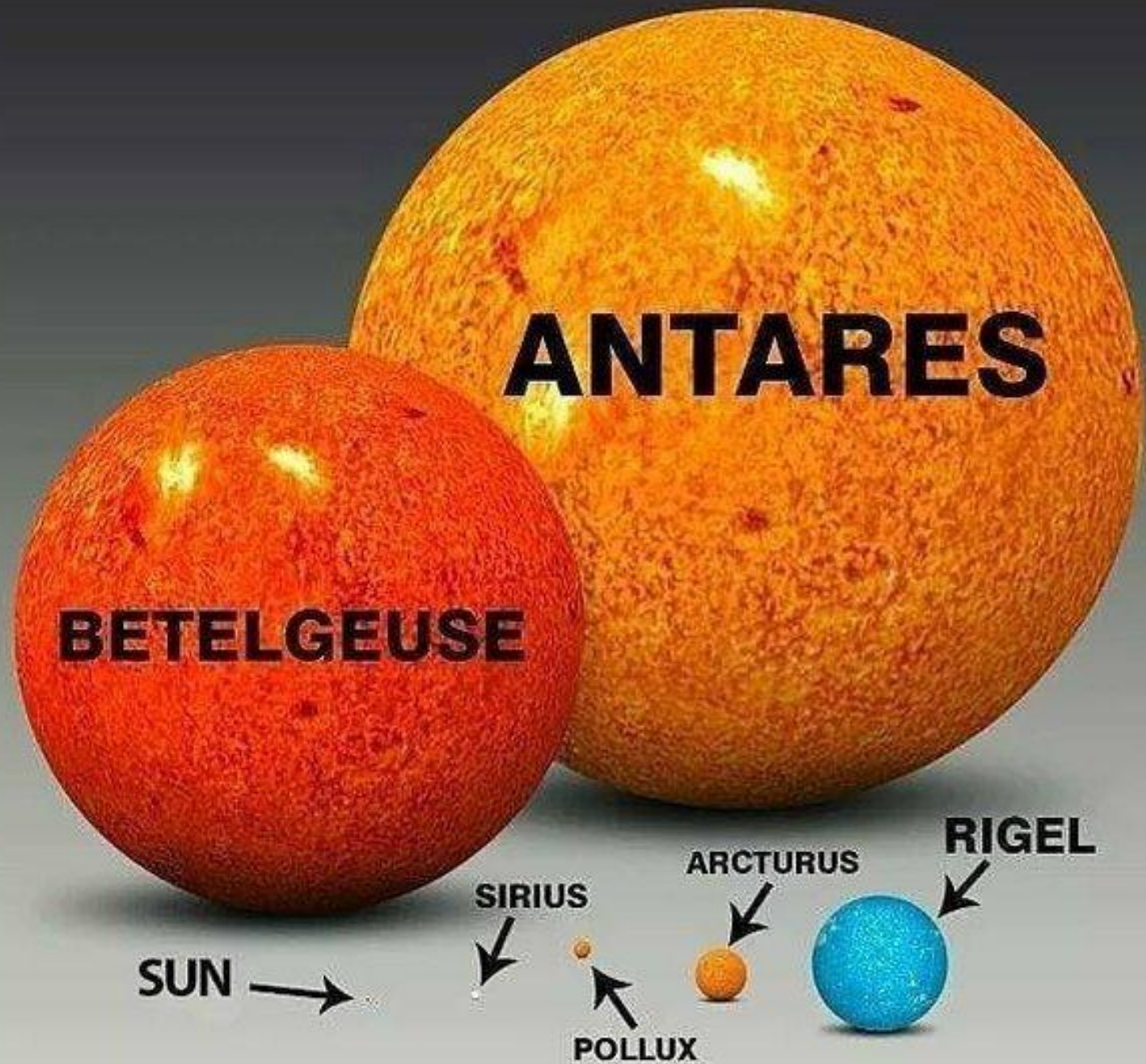
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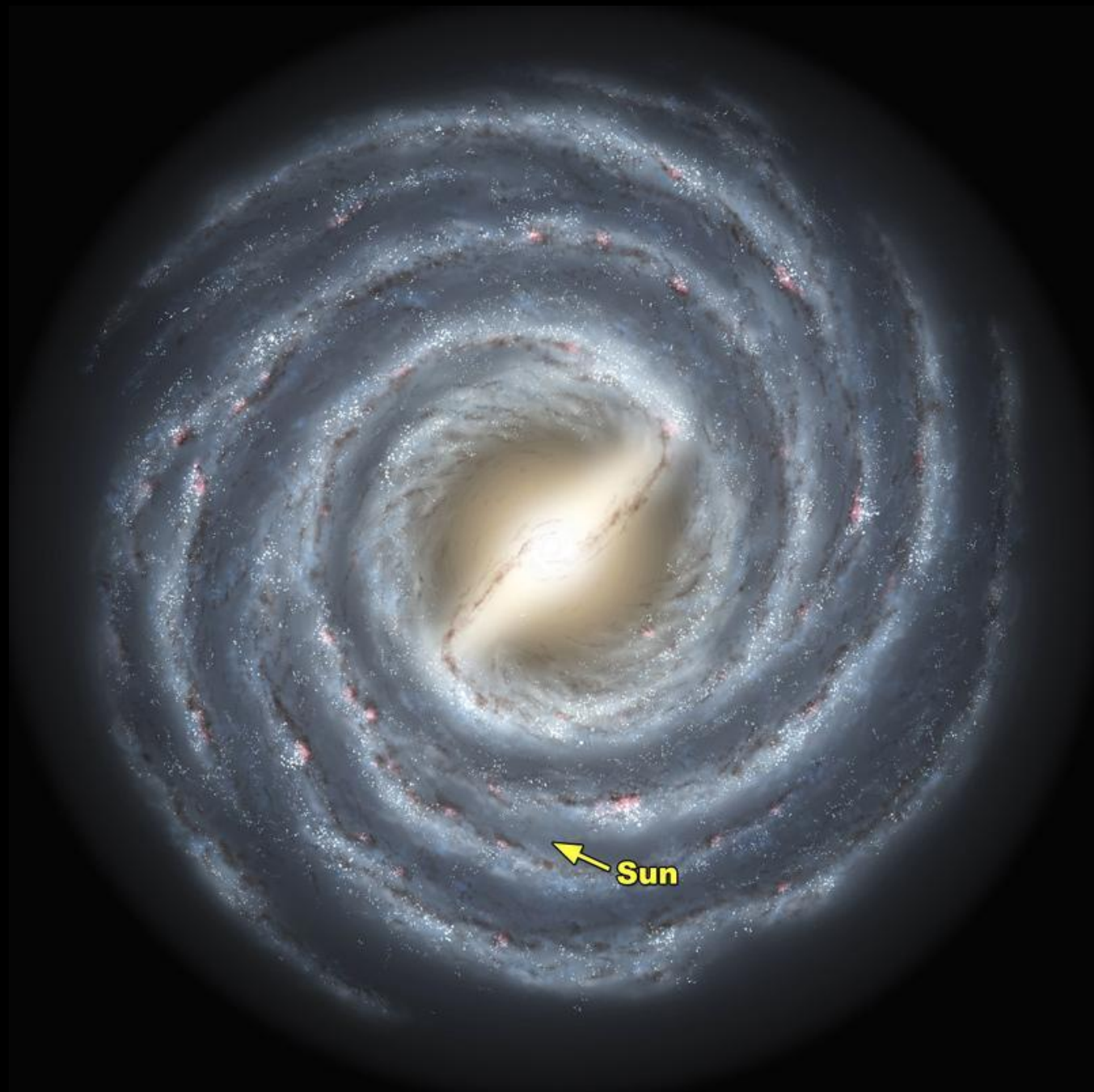


# ONE Light Year

(distance light travels in a year at the speed of 186,000 mi/s)

**5.88 BILLION miles/year**

5,880,000,000



Sun



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Hubble  
Heritage





“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.”

(Psa 8:3-5, NIV)







“For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he  
removed our transgressions from us.”

(Psa 103:11-12, NIV)