

### Intro / Review

- 1 John 2:6 – Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.
  - ESV = .... ought to walk in the same way in which he walked
- John 15:15 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- James 4:8 – Come near to God and he will come near to you.
  - “near” = the Greek word is from a word meaning “to squeeze”
- John 10:27 – My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me.

### What Does His Voice Sound Like?

- 1 Kings 19:11-13 – 11 The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind... After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake... 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire... And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

### Twelve Ways God Speaks: #1) Creation

- Romans 1:18-20 – 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.
- Quote: Michael Faraday – “The book of nature which we have to read is written by the finger of God.”
- **Fine-Tuning of the Universe**
  - If there were even minute adjustments to the gravitational constant, electromagnetism, strong and weak nuclear force, etc. ... stars, planets, and life itself would not form
  - The earth is in a perfect “Goldilocks Zone” in which life can function: any closer to the sun and oceans boil and evaporate, any further away and oceans freeze and turn to ice
  - The stability of our planet's tectonic plates, magnetic field, and the balance of atmospheric gases is required to support life. Any deviation and things go south quick.
  - Quote: Wernher von Braun – “My experiences with science led me to God. They challenge science to prove the existence of God... But must we really light a candle to see the sun?”
- **Signs in the Stars**
  - Genesis 1:14 – And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years...”
  - Romans 10:14-18 – 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” 16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. 18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”
  - Psalm 19:1-4 – 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They

have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

- Important
  - 1) Almost every culture throughout all history has noted the same major constellations
  - 2) The names and shapes of the constellations pre-date Christianity
  - 3) So there must be some original, very early source that we get our information from
- Psalm 147:4 – He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.
- Disclaimer: The Bible unequivocally condemns astrology
  - Attributing God-like powers to constellations is paganism
  - Assuming stars control your life and future is divination
  - Worshiping anything other than God is idolatry
  - Astrology cannot bestow any benefit to your life whatsoever
- Virgo
  - Going back to Ancient Egyptian times at least, this constellation was depicted as a virgin woman holding a male child, seated on a throne
  - 2 stars within this constellation are, in Hebrew, “Seed” and “Branch”
- Libra
  - In Hebrew, the name for this constellation specifically means the scale that would be used in the marketplace to weigh items you want to purchase
  - 2 stars in this constellation are named Zuban al-Ghanubi and Zuban al-Kamali in Arabic
  - These names mean “the price is deficient” and “the price which covers”
  - In ourselves, our price is deficient to purchase salvation... but Jesus is the price which covers us
- Scorpio
  - Ancient Sumerians called Scorpio “The Lawless One”... a name for Satan (2 Thess 2)
  - In Hebrew, Scorpio is Akrab = war or scorpion... Satan lives to make war on us
- Ophiucus
  - Ophiucus, fighting a serpent, is stepping on Scorpio
    - Luke 10:19 – Jesus said we have the same authority he had to “trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy”
  - In one of Ophiucus’s heels is a star named Shuf = “bruised” in Hebrew
  - In the other heel, the foot that’s stepping on Scorpio’s head, is a star called Daka = “crush underfoot” in Hebrew
  - Genesis 3:15 – Jesus will crush Satan’s head... but Satan would bruise his heel
- Gemini
  - Romans called them the twin sons of Zeus, king of the gods
  - Known in Hebrew as Thaumim (meaning “joined together”)
  - The left foot of one of the twins has a star called Hina in Hebrew = “bruised”
  - The right knee of the other twin has a star called Mevsuta = “to tread underfoot”
  - Gemini represents the dual nature of the Messiah as both God and man, 2 natures joined in 1 person, the God-man
- Leo
  - Leo, a lion, representing kingship in almost every Human culture
  - 3 stars making up Leo are Regulus, Denebola, and Al Giebha, meaning “treading underfoot,” “The Judge,” and “The Exaltation”
  - Leo is fighting with the snake-like dragon Hydra
  - Can this mean anything other than Jesus, our Lion of Judah, judging wickedness, defeating the Great Dragon Satan, treading evil underfoot, and reigning as king?
- Genesis 15:5-6 – 5 [God] took [Abram] outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

- Alternative translation = “Look up at the sky and recount the story in the stars, if you’re able to decipher it. That’s what your Seed, the Messiah will be like.”
- Galatians 3:8 says that God “announced the gospel in advance to Abraham”... Did this happen right here?
- The Wise Men
  - Some Persian astrologers who know the Scriptures are studying the stars. They know the story of this Coming King that they’ve seen in the Constellations. And now there are some movements in the stars that tell them, “It’s go time.”