

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

**Genesis 1:1**

**Store In My Heart  
Matthew 18:35**

So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

This statement follows the story of the unforgiving servant. His unwillingness to forgive a fellow servant cost him the freedom he had just been given. His master reinstated his debt and expected him to pay all.

God will not forgive those who will not forgive others. He desires for us to have a forgiving heart. Since He has removed our debt of sin, He wants us to extend the same attitude toward those who might offend us. Forgiveness is based on repentance, but God provided the way to your freedom before you repented. Grace and forgiveness are part of the God-like character we need.

Do I have a similar attitude toward my fellow man? How I treat those who seek forgiveness will have a bearing upon my own.



## The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God

**Wayne S. Walker**

The universe of heavenly and material bodies testifies effectively and continually to the glory and wisdom of God.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun" (Psalm 19:1-4).*

These verses suggest that there is a testimony to the existence of God in the sky. The heavens are the material universe, the region of the sun, moon, and stars. To declare means to announce, proclaim, or make known. And the glory of God refers to that which constitutes God's honor -- His wisdom, power, skill, the sum total of His perfections.

**This Testimony Is Effective:** -- *"The firmament shows His handiwork."* The heavens exist. Something cannot come from nothing, so they had to come from something. This should make us think. David also wrote, *"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?" (Psalm 8:3-4).* From what source did the heavens, the moon, and the stars come that man can see and appreciate them? The Bible gives the answer. *"By the word of the Lord, the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" (Psalm 33:6).*

**This Testimony Is Continual:** -- *"Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge."* Life on earth is dependent on the heavens, specifically the light and heat of the sun, which controls our weather and makes the things that we need possible. Because this was created by God, Paul said, *"Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness"* (**Acts 14:17**). Every day and night as we wake up, go to bed, buy food, feel the wind, and see the rain, we experience the evidence of God's existence. No, we cannot see God, but the evidence is so strong that, *"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible"* (**Hebrews 11:3**).

**This Testimony Is Silent:** -- The word "where" is in italics, indicating it was interpolated by the translators. The ASV reads, *"There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard."* My family and I recently visited the house in St. Joseph, MO, where Jesse James lived when he was killed. Jesse James is not alive today to talk to us. None of the items in that museum audibly said anything about Jesse James. Yet, their very existence speaks volumes. Though they make no sound, the very existence of the heavens tells us, *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"* (**Genesis 1:1**).

**This Testimony Is Universal:** -- *"Their line has gone out through all the earth."* There is no place on earth where the witness of God's sun cannot be seen and felt. Therefore, Paul wrote, *"Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and god-head, so that they are without excuse"* (**Romans 1:19-20**). Thus, everywhere on earth men have visible evidence upon which to conclude, *"For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God"* (**Hebrews 3:4**).

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We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

## For Our Information

**Sue Soliday** is doing physical therapy and is doing well.

**JoBeth Henderson** spent Friday & Saturday at Baptist in LR after fainting Friday morning. She is home and some better.

**Deberah Brooks** has knee surgery scheduled on April 14.

**Tommy Robinson** starts his treatments Tuesday. **Bill Venable's** son **Don** is in the hospital in Hot Springs with Pneumonia.

**Leta Rivera** is still waiting on her MRI results. Prayers are requested that they don't find new lesions.

Sunday evening - **Isaiah 51** Wednesday - **Revelation 14:6**

**Spring Meeting - Terry Summerlin - April 26-29**