

# “THE FATHER OF LIGHTS”

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*James 1:17–18*

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“The heavens tell of the glory of God.  
The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship.”

“The LORD merely spoke, and the heavens were created.  
He breathed the word, and all the stars were born.”

*Psalms 19:1 & 33:6 NLT*

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“The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.”

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“God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

*1 John 1:5*

*See also 1 Timothy 6:16*



“When we consider the brightness of the Sun, we can be reminded that God’s brightness is even more brilliant. . . . When we consider the beauty of the colours and patterns in the Universe, we can be reminded that God is even more beautiful. . . . The Sun and stars show that God is a glorious God who is worthy of our praise.”

—Stuart Burgess, *He Made the Stars Also*

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“God is a spirit, whose being, wisdom, power, holiness, goodness, and truth are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.”

*The Westminster Catechism*

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Johannes Kepler (1571 – 1630)

*Image Credit: University at St. Andrews, Scotland*



“He turned his mind to the thoughts that brought him comfort. When he contemplated the harmony of the heavens . . . he felt solace and strength.”

*George Mulfinger* (Kepler biographer)

“I have utilized all those powers of my mind which You have loaned me. I’ve shown people the glory of Your works, as much of their unending wealth as my feeble intellect was able to grasp.”

*Johannes Kepler*, *World Harmony* (1618)

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6. *God's personal love and care.* You can say, "He is *my* Father through the gospel."

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