

# IMPACT

**I** **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.  
Proverbs 3:5-6

**Passage:** Isaiah 66:1-2 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool.... For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist....” Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.”

**Quote:** What sob’ring truth that the Most High humbles Himself to view the span of tapestry in earth and sky—a spec to Him, immense to man. Such condescension bids saints join creation’s hymn with pensive thought. God’s majesty of holiness demands saints worship as we ought.

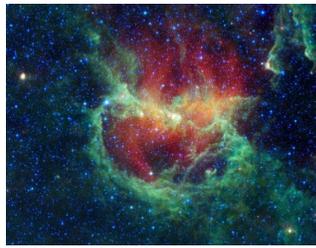
**N**ext to the Sun, Proxima Centauri is the closest star to earth. “NASA’s New Horizons spacecraft travels at nearly 37,282 mph, the fastest a spacecraft has ever traveled in the Solar System. At this speed, to get to Proxima Centauri, it would take 78,000 years!”<sup>1</sup> Photographs like the one of Lambda Centauri nebula, where it is located, make us realize just how immense our universe is. The distance that describes the known “edges” are beyond staggering, yet Solomon exclaimed, “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!”<sup>2</sup> “When we speak of God as transcendent, we mean that He is exalted far ‘above’ the created universe, so far above that human thought cannot imagine it. Forever God stands apart, in light inapproachable. He is as far above an archangel as above a caterpillar. They both belong to the category of that-which-is-not-God.”<sup>3</sup>

Contemplating the transcendence of God, David prayed, “O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, *Who have set Your glory above the heavens!* 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? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor.”<sup>4</sup>

Of this Psalm, C. H. Spurgeon wrote, “It is not merely

glory that the heavens declare, but the ‘glory of God,’ for they deliver to us such unanswerable arguments for a conscious, intelligent, planning, controlling, and presiding Creator, that no unprejudiced person can remain unconvinced by them. The testimony given by the heavens is no mere hint, but a plain, unmistakable declaration; and it is a declaration of the most constant and abiding kind. Yet for all this, to what avail is the loudest declaration to a deaf man, or the clearest showing to one spiritually blind? God the Holy Ghost must illuminate us, or all the suns in the milky way never will.”

The psalmist declares, “Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!



Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD’S name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, *Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?* Pause to think of the splendid workmanship of creation and marvel that it is God Who humbles Himself even to look upon it. Praise Him for the grace to see the splendors of our

world as His handiwork!”<sup>5</sup>

Spurgeon warned all who view the heavens of our transcendent God. “The lesson of day and night is one which it were well if all men learned. It should be among our day thoughts and night thoughts, to remember the flight of time, the changeful character of earthly things, the brevity both of joy and sorrow, the preciousness of life, our utter powerlessness to recall the hours once flown, and the irresistible approach of eternity. Day bids us labor, night reminds us to prepare for our last time; day bids us work for God, and night invites us to rest in him; day bids us look for endless day, and night warns us to escape from everlasting night.”

**God is Transcendent!**