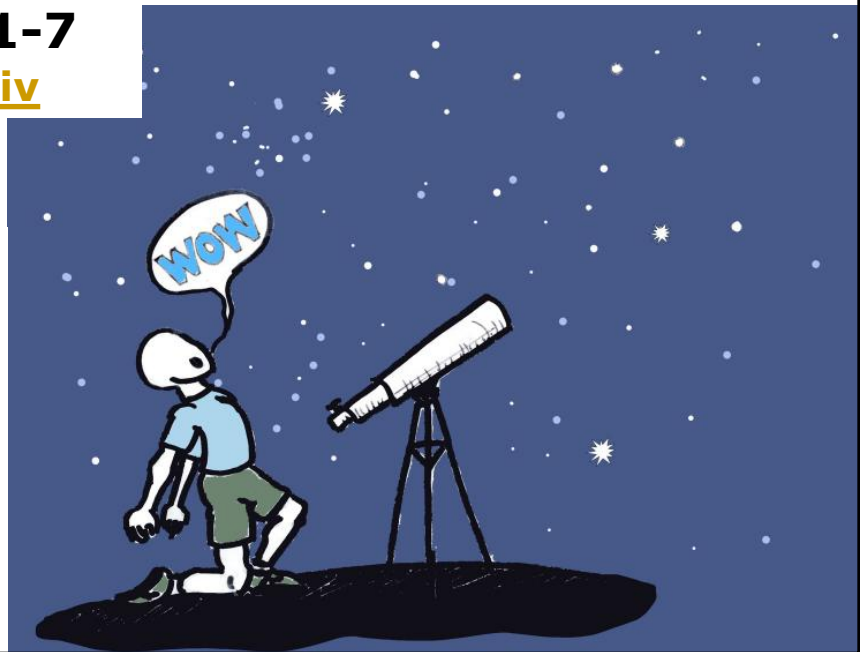


**Most fundamental question for life:
Where does goodness come from?**

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**Commended by God
Hebrews 11:1-7**
ref.ly/He11;niv



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Hebrews 11:1-2

Now faith is
confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about **what we do not see**.
² This is what the ancients were commended for.

3

Hebrews 11:3

By faith we understand that the universe was formed
at God's command,
so that
what is seen
was not made out of what was visible.

4

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

5

Hebrews 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

6

Hebrews 11:6

And without **faith** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

Faith in God brings the goodness of God

7

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, when warned about things **not yet seen**, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

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Big Idea

Faith in God
brings the goodness of God

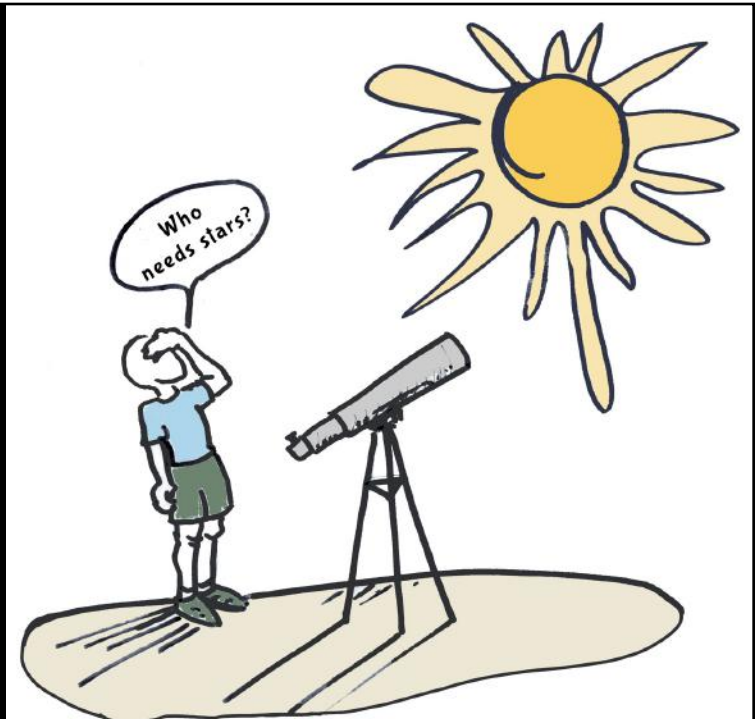
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When the sun
shines, the stars
are invisible

Yet the stars are
unchanged



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When storms come,
the stars are
invisible

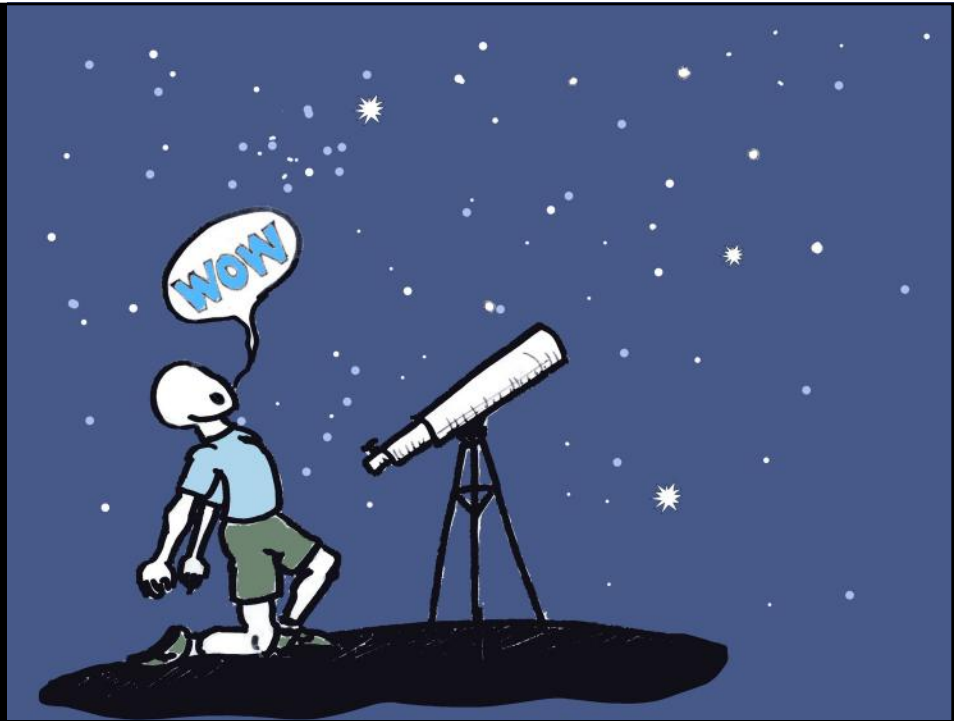
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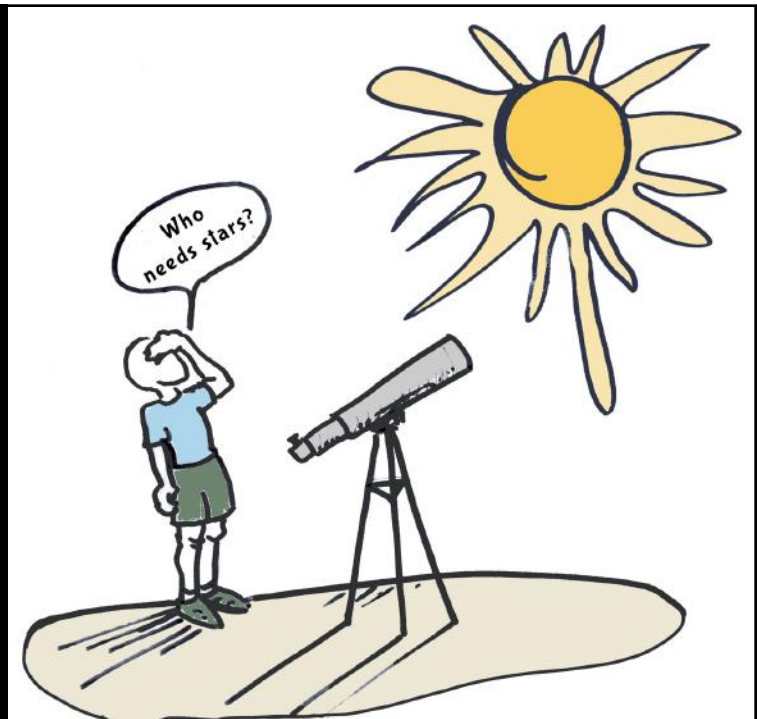
The stars
are the
goodness
of God

Sometimes
they are
very clear
to us



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Sometimes 'good'
things hide God's
goodness from us
"the deceitfulness
of wealth and the
desires for other
things come in and
choke the word,
making it
unfruitful." *Mark 4:19*



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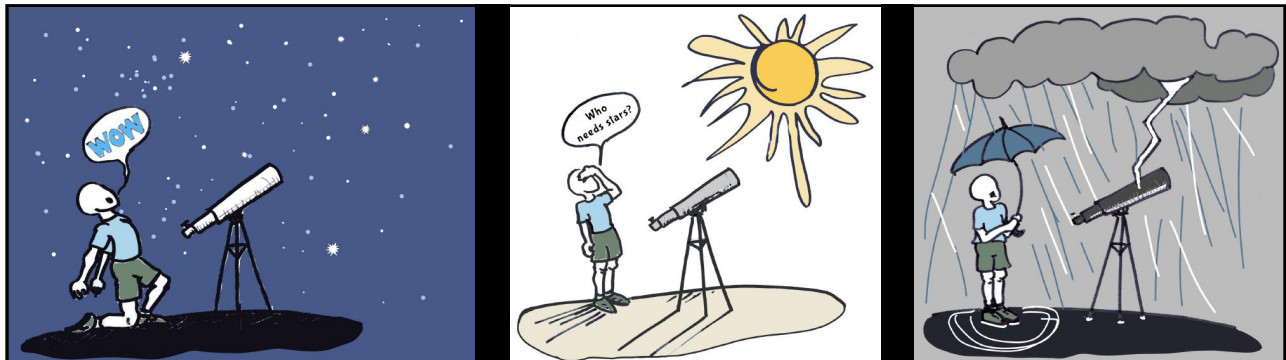
Sometimes troubles
hide God's
goodness from us

"How long, Lord?
Will you forget me
forever? How long
will you hide your
face from me?"

Psalm 13:1



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Where does goodness come from?

"I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."

Psalm 16:2

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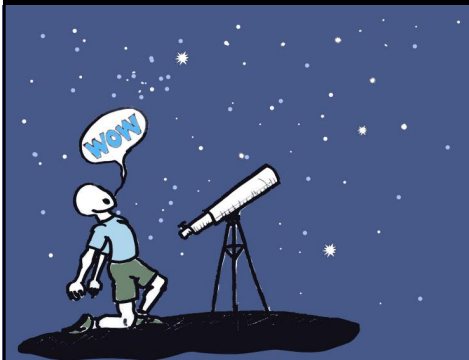
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God rewards active faith in God
whether we can see any good or not

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Pursue goodness from God

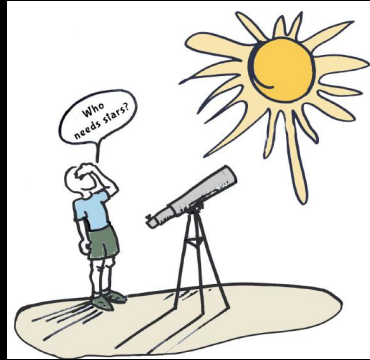
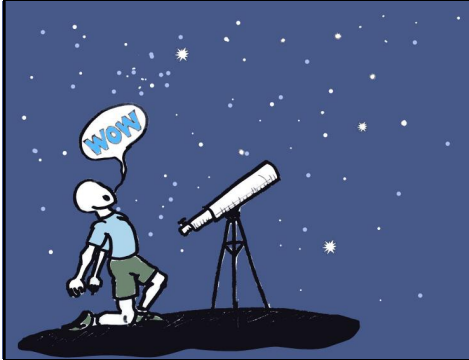


"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100:1-2

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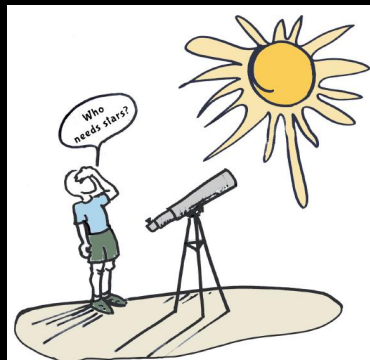
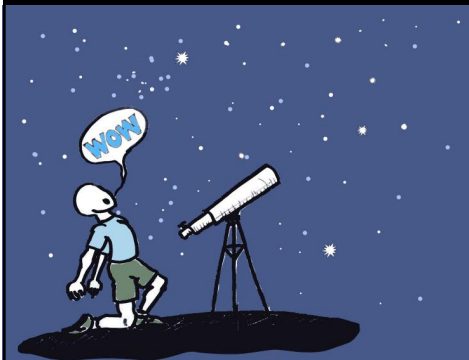
Pursue goodness from God



“the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things” choke our love for God
 “Walk by faith, not by sight”

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Pursue goodness from God



“This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.”

God brings good when no other good can be found

20

Seek Goodness from God when no Good is around

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside
your Father's care. And even the very hairs of
your head are all numbered. **So don't be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.**"

Matthew 10:29-31

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Seek Goodness from God when no Good is around

"And we know that **in all things God works for the
good of those who love him,** who have been called
according to his purpose. For those God foreknew
he also **predestined to be conformed to the image
of his Son,** that he might be the firstborn among
many brothers and sisters." *Romans 8:28-29*

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Big Idea

Faith in God
brings the goodness of God

**"For we live by faith, not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7**

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*A man in desperate need of goodness
when no goodness could be found*

He said to Jesus: "If you can do anything, take
pity on us and help us."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible
for one who believes."

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed,
"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Literally: "Help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:22-24

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FIND & FOLLOW

"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, **fixing our eyes on Jesus,** the pioneer and perfecter of faith." *Hebrews 12:1b-2*