THE FOURTH DAY

*He made the stars also. Genesis 1:16b*

*I am not, what some people would call, a star gazer but I do enjoy looking at the stars every now and again. It is not easy to see many stars today because of all the lights that surround us. When I was a child very few people had security lights. About the only night lights was the front porch light or a flashlight but the sky was full of stars. Did you ever just lay out in the yard and try to count all the stars in the sky? You probably did.*

*For most of us, the stars are somewhat of an afterthought. The sun and the moon always come first. In Genesis 1:16 the sun and the moon come first also. They are the two great lights. When it comes to bringing light to the earth, God made the sun and the moon primary. The moon gives light at night although it is the lesser light while the sun is the light we receive in the daytime.*

*For a moment I would like to talk about the stars, though they seem to be the afterthought. “He made the stars also.” According to National Geographic, there are likely more than 100 billion galaxies with each galaxy containing more than 100 billion stars. If you and I had been in charge of creation it might have taken us at least two days to accomplish that small feat, don’t you think?*

*It is not just the timely fashion in which he was able to bring all this into the creation picture but also the extremely long reach of our God. Wikipedia says that some of the stars are considered to be 100 million light years from the earth. I believe that God put just as much importance on the placement of the stars as the placement of anything else. I know someone may be thinking that I am touching on evolution. No, if God can create a full grown man and woman, I’m sure it is no chore for him to do the same with the stars. I do not think anyone would have looked at Adam on the day he was created and said “look a newborn.” No they would have likely guessed that he was thirty years old maybe? Surely God put fully developed galaxies in the place that he wanted them to be.*

*As our Praise Choir has been singing lately, “How great is our God?” Even the afterthoughts of God are so far beyond my comprehension. Most of the stars are beyond our vision, our reach and our understanding but the one who created it all is He who loves us with an unending love. The same arm that reached 100 million light years and put a star in place is the same arm that reached way down and rescued me from mouth of Hell.*

*It is good to know that God saved Cornelius, Saul of Tarsus, and the Philippian jailor but he also saved me. He wants to save you also.*

*Happy New Year*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Brother Randy Burtram*