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Psalms 147:4-7: He counts the stars and knows each of them by name.
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Have you seen those images comparing the size of the earth to the sun and then comparing the sun to other supergiant stars? The size of our galaxy, the size of the universe is beyond human comprehension. In comparison, we, our lives, our whole world, are minuscule... tiny, microscopic specks floating in infinity. It's the kind of stuff that may bring on an existential crisis. But the Bible makes a different point.

Psalm 147 shows God the creator commanding the universe with the ease of a master conductor.

“He counts the stars

and knows each of them by name.

Our Lord is great and powerful.

There is no limit to what he knows...

**He gives a command to the earth,
and it quickly obeys.**

**He makes the snow fall until the ground is as white
as wool.**

He makes sleet blow through the air like dust.

He makes hail fall like rocks from the sky.

No one can stand the cold he sends.

**Then he gives another command, and warm air
begins to blow.**

The ice melts, and water begins to flow.”

Psalm 147: 4-5, 15-18 (ERV)

In this image it is the universe that is dwarfed by God. Yet there is more. While skillfully orchestrating the

universe like a divine symphony, God is also attentive to the minuscule likes of us.

“He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds” (verse 3). He is even described as causing the grass to grow on the hills and providing animals with their food (verse 8 & 9).

Similarly, in Psalm 139, God is described as knitting together the unborn child in the womb.

The God who holds, names and commands the gas giants that are bigger than our mind can comprehend, also leans in close and personal to the smallest amongst us. He deliberately and carefully handmakes each human body. He sees every detail of our being and our lives. Nobody is a nobody to God.

What does it mean to you that the creator and commander of the universe sees and knows you? How does God's loving attentiveness to the macro and the micro challenge your perception of Him or bring you comfort?

PRAYER

Dear God, I praise you. You are more mighty than I can understand. You command the universe yet care for my every need. May I trust in your power and goodness today and everyday to come. Amen.