

ASTRONOMY - STARS

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

***He is the Maker of the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades
and the constellations of the south. (Job 9:9)***

Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are!

You probably sang that when you were a little boy. It's a cute little song. But now that you are older, you don't have to wonder what the stars are like. You can look up into the sky and be amazed at those twinkling creations of God. That's right, you heard that correctly – "twinkling creations of God." I know and you know, of course, that there are many people, even many who attend a Christian church, who do not believe that God created the stars or anything in this world. However, as you read the Bible it becomes perfectly clear that the Lord is indeed the One who created this world and the One who still takes care of it.

A man named Job lived a long time ago. You probably remember him as the man who suffered so much in his life. But in spite of all the problems he went through, Job knew that the Lord created the stars and everything else in this world. Job knew that the Lord is the Almighty God who created and controls this universe and all that is in it.

We know the same thing. So when we look up at the stars we can sing a better version of that old lullaby:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
God has placed you where you are.
Up above the world so high,
You're God's light hung in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
God has placed you where you are.

THE PRAYER:

"Lord of lords, the sparkling heavens show the greatness of your hand,
Brilliant galaxies unfolding, distant suns your wisdom planned,
Morning stars in concert singing – praise the one whose power we see:
Lord of might and majesty.

"Lord of light, your gift of beauty fills our planet here below.
Crystal snow and silver moonlight, forest green with life aglow.
Sapphire ocean, flaming sunset your creative joy proclaim!
Lord of all, we praise your name!" Amen. (CW #237:1,2)