

mechanic, I think it was in Holland, made a lens, and put two lenses together. And the telescope was invented. And Galileo down in Italy got a hold of the telescope and he looked at the sky, and he found that in addition to the 4000 stars, there were thousands and thousands and thousands of stars that Abraham never dreamed existed. And today we read it, "if you can number the stars", and the scientists will tell us that there may be a billion stars in our galaxy, and maybe a billion galaxies. The number of the stars is beyond counting." But Abraham couldn't know it--unless he was very ignorant and thought what nobody of intelligence in his day thought. And certainly Ptolemy had absolute proof of the contrary. And it wasn't until we got the telescope that we saw that the illustration God used was a correct illustration, an even better one than the dust of the earth. And so he believed in the Lord, and He counted it to him for righteousness.

Oh, may we believe in the Lord. And when the Lord says that the sin that is within us is so terrible that we all deserve eternal death, let's not say, "Oh, I know that other person; he's a pretty-wicked a pretty wicked person; look at the mean things that fellow does; I don't deserve anything like that." Let's make the Bible a mirror before us and see the sin in ourselves. And then when the Bible says that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him need not perish, but have eternal life, let's believe in the Lord, and look to Jesus Christ, and trust Him, and pray God to make our lives count for Him.

Let us pray: "Oh, God our Father, we thank You that we know that this Word is true. We thank You, our Father that we can believe. We thank You, our Father, that though You did not give it to us as a book of science, You didn't give it to us to tell us how You created the world, or when You created the world, or to tell us facts of science that have been discovered since, yet that wherever we can properly infer a fact from it, we can know that it is true. Oh, our God, You have told us of earthly things; and we can believe it. Help us to believe when You tell us of heavenly things. We ask in Jesus Name, Amen.

(Oh, Lord, Most Holy, Oh, Loving Father, The Creator, Thee would we be praising always."  
By César Franck (1840-1900))