

Good morning! Sometimes I marvel at the ways in which people think about God. I recently had a conversation with a person who told me that when it comes to thinking about God, nobody is wrong. Everyone is right. Really? While it is true that each of us understands God in a different way, it *cannot* be true that everyone is right in what they believe---that just doesn't make sense. If, for example, one person who thinks that God wants us to not kill anyone is right, it cannot be true that a person who believes that God wants us to kill certain people is also right. One of us would have to *not* be right. Interestingly, most of us *think* we understand God---and what we think is that God thinks like we do! This morning, let's take a few moments to look together at two passages that can help us to understand God a little better:

[God] determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. **Psalm 147:4–5**

How great is God--beyond our understanding! The number of his years is past finding out. **Job 36:26**

In today's first passage, we get a wonderful picture of God's knowledge, power, and understanding. Human astronomers know that there are billions of stars in the universe but they don't know exactly how many there are. God, on the other hand, knows the exact number of the stars and He has names for each one of them. He knows exactly what's going on with each star. He controls the movement of each star. Human astronomers can compute mathematically where each star was thousands of years ago or where it will be thousands of years from now because the stars are so absolutely accurate and reliable in their movements. God set them in motion and when it suits Him, He will take them out of motion. The movement of planets is not attributable to some unseen, mechanical force. The force, the wisdom, the power behind the movements of the stars and the planets is God. His understanding is infinite. In today's second passage we are reminded of the fact that we simply don't understand God: "*How great is God--beyond our understanding!*" Oh, we can know Him after a fashion, but God only allows us to know as much as seems right, good---to Him. There's nothing going on anywhere in the universe that He doesn't know about, nothing that He doesn't control. God is the intelligence behind the universe. He's the Creator; He's the controller; He's the Sustainer of the entire universe. He's our God. You and I can never truly understand Him... but we can praise Him!