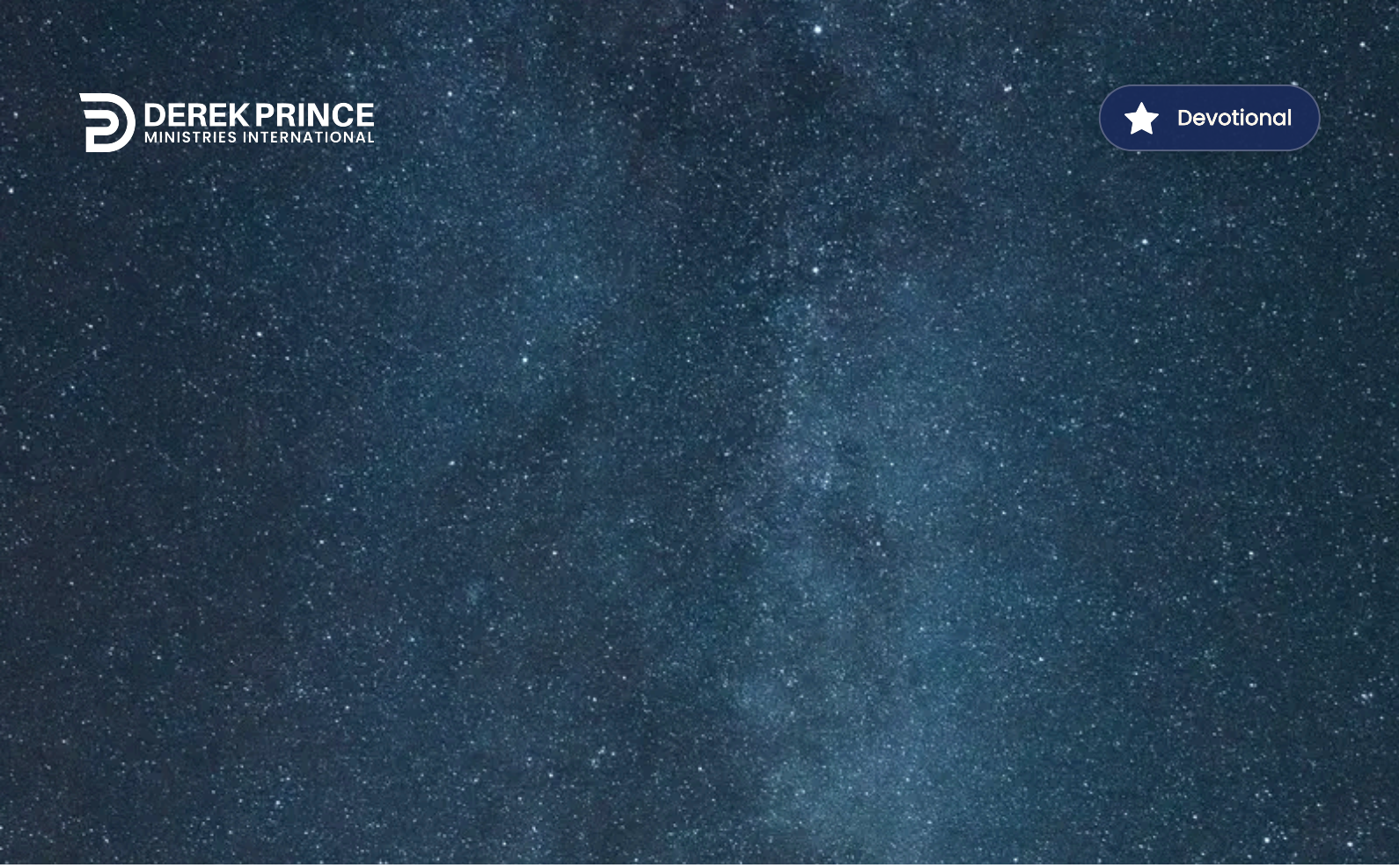


He Calls the Stars by Name



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> He 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)

The psalmist gives us an objective, scientific standard by which to measure the knowledge and power of the LORD. Human astronomers would not dare to calculate the number of stars in the universe. They do tell us, however, that it amounts to billions upon billions. Yet God knows the exact number of the stars. He is in direct contact with each one and He controls its movements.

So totally accurate and reliable are the movements of the stars, that astronomers can compute mathematically where each star was thousands of years ago or where it will be thousands of years from now. But let us never attribute this precision to some mindless, impersonal force or "law." Behind it all is the infinite wisdom of a Creator whose concern extends to the remotest corner of His universe.

Furthermore, the psalmist tells us *how* God controls the stars: *He calls them each by name.* In the Bible, a name expresses the essential individual character of the person or object named. To God, even the stars are not mere mindless confirmations of matter to be identified only by location or magnitude. Each has its own name. Each responds to that name when God calls it.

If God deals thus with the stars, how much more with His own sons and daughters! Do you ever feel "lost" in the magnitude of the universe? Do you wonder whether you really matter? Then listen to your Creator, who is also your Redeemer: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).

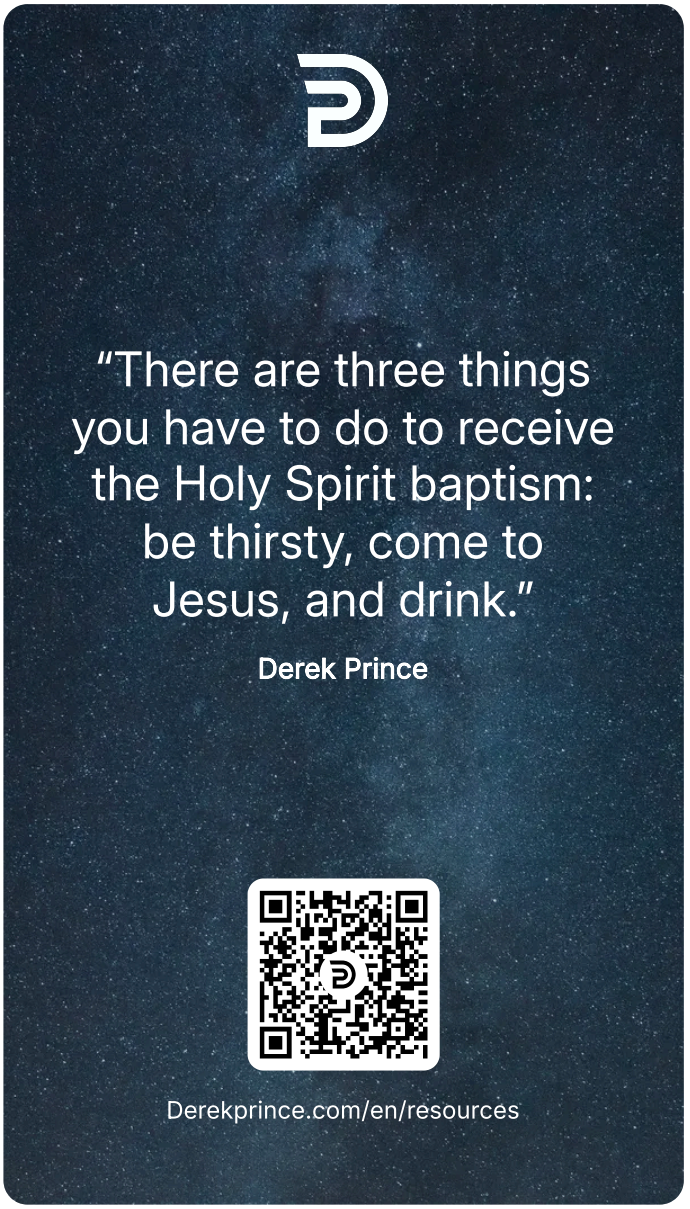
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