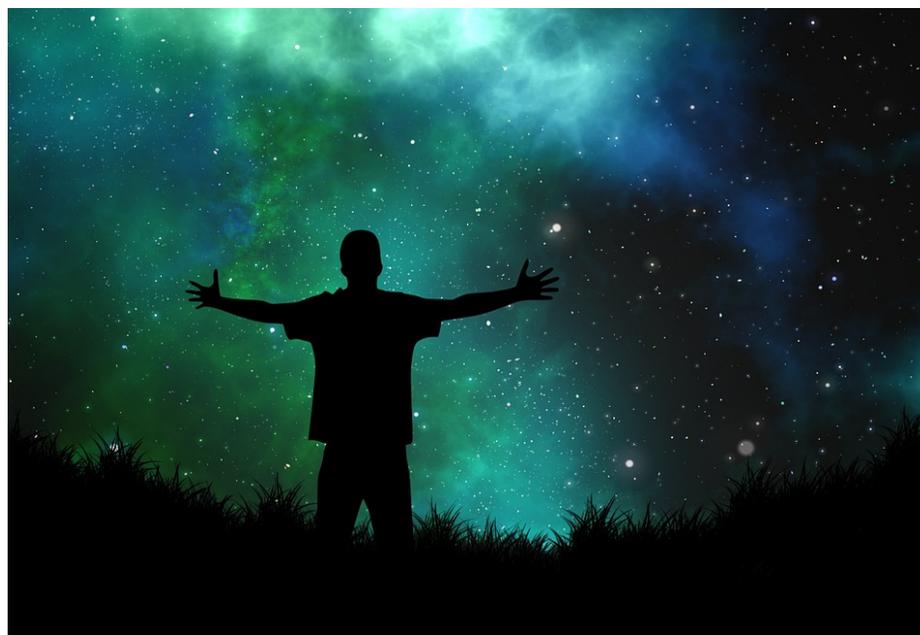


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Have you ever looked at the stars at night? How far do you think the nearest star is from earth? Scientists tell us the nearest star, called Proxima Centauri, is 4.25 light years away; that's 24,984,092,897,479 miles. To give you an idea of how far that is, it would take 81,000 years in our fastest rocket to fly there!

In Psalm 103:11, David uses the stars to show us how much God loves us. Imagine a tape measure that stretches all the way up to the heavens. How far would that be? It's further than we can comprehend. Don't believe me? Just try to read this number out loud: "24,984,092,897,479 miles." Here's the point; God's love for us is so big we can't measure it. It's also steadfast, which means it's permanent and unchanging.

What about God's forgiveness? How can we measure that? Verse 12 says, God removes our transgressions (sins) as far away from us as the east is from the west. Again, God uses an impossible measurement to show us the greatness of his forgiveness. Nothing you've done is beyond the forgiveness of God.

Both of these blessings are for "those who fear him;" for those who love and honor the Lord. Talk to God in prayer, thank him for his love and forgiveness. Ask him to help you to love and honor him with your life.