

The sun provides us with light and warmth. Without light and warmth life on earth would be impossible.

What can we learn from God's creation of the sun?

The sun can help us understand one of the most difficult ideas in the Bible. We have been taught that God the Father, Jesus the Son of God and God the Holy Spirit are three separate persons yet are really all one person. This is very hard to understand. How can someone be three people but really only one person? The sun helps us understand this.

The sun is a giant star of burning gas. Let us think of the sun as God the Father. Light comes from the sun and reaches out to the entire universe. Let us think of the light from the sun as Jesus, the Son of God. The sun and its light produce heat as we can feel when we go outside on a sunny day or hold our hand in the rays of light coming through a window or touch something that has been sitting out

in the sun. Let us think of the heat of the sun as God the Holy Spirit.

Now, the sun itself is one thing. The light from the sun is another thing. The heat from the sun is also a separate thing. Yet, all three separate things are really all part of the same one thing and cannot be separated from each other. You cannot separate the sun from its light or its heat. You cannot separate the light from the sun or the heat of the sun. You cannot separate the heat of the sun from the sun itself or its light. This is how it is with God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. Three separate persons yet all the same person. You cannot separate one from the others.

Just as the sun is the center of our solar system, God is the center of our lives. Whether we believe in God or not does not change the fact that God is real and He is the center of all creation. All things in creation look to God as the center of their existence.

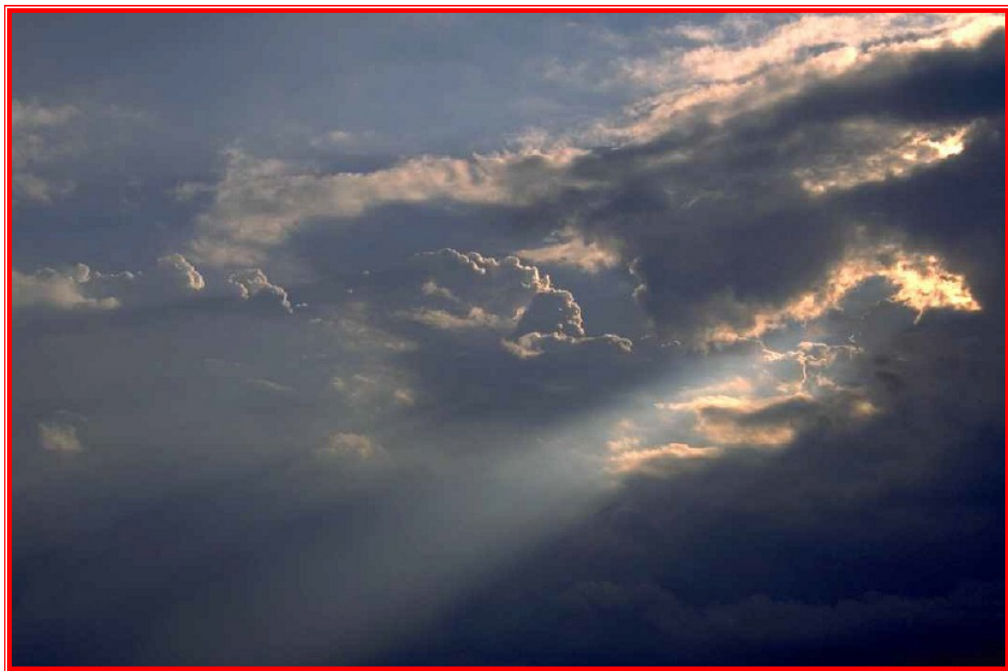
Just as the sun's gravity holds the planets in place, God's power holds all creation in place.

Nothing happens without God allowing it to happen. Nothing can take a believer in Jesus away from God because He holds us all in his power and protection. Jesus tells us this in John 10:27-30, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

The sun makes life possible on earth. Without the sun and its light there could be no life on earth. It is the same with God. Without God there could be no life. All things were created by God and all life was created by God. The Bible tells us this in Genesis 1:1-2, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." We also learn from John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God." We owe everything to God our Creator.

Without Jesus there could be no forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Jesus himself teaches us this in John 11:25-26, "I (Jesus) am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Just as the sun makes life possible on earth, Jesus makes eternal life possible for all who believe in Him as their Savior.

We can learn a great lesson about God and ourselves as God's children from the sun. The sun is a bright shining example of the glory of God and the bright future we have heaven.



The rays of sunlight break through even the darkest clouds.