

to tell us how to know Himself, / to tell us how to live, to tell us how to be changed from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, and from the power of Satan to the power of God. That's what He gave it to us for. But he touches upon science in many places. And wherever He touches upon science, He touches upon it accurately; and you can depend upon it.

I am going to take just a minute, two or three minutes, to look at another aspect of science to show you a very interesting illustration of this that I came across, which thrilled me when I read it. Here's a passage you're all familiar with I'm sure: Genesis 13. God said to Abraham, Genesis 13:16; "I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed (also) be numbered." And you can think how Abraham felt when he heard that. "My! Here I am; I have no child as yet of my own; and yet God says my descendants are going to be like the dust of the earth if you can number it. Think of the thousands and thousands of dust of the earth. How tremendous! What a marvelous prophecy!" But then I think Abraham had rather of a start, a little later. We turn over to chapter 15, and in chapter 15 we read where Abraham still didn't have a son yet-- we read in verse 5 of chapter 15 God "brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be." And the next verse is a wonderful verse, "he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Now I think that has more meaning than we ordinarily think of. "He believed in the LORD; What did he believe? That his seed would be like the dust of the earth, so many? Yes. But he believed more than that. He believed that the stars were a good figure for his seed. Now we don't know much about stars today. Why not? Because we have artificial light. We have artificial lights everywhere and so we don't see the stars. Most of you probably couldn't name ten of the stars, or point them out to me in the sky. You don't see them; you have artificial lights all around. But a hundred years ago, before we had the artificial lights, everybody saw the stars; everybody knew the constellations. And when a little new comet would appear half the world would be filled with terror, and think it meant the end of the world.