The infinite and intimate nature of God

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The heavens declare the glory of God; The skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

I was at a pastors' conference earlier this month, and we watched a little video that dealt with the wonders of the universe as seen through the lens of the Hubble telescope.

I remember when this telescope was first deployed–and the occasions when it was upgraded–how the comments were made that, "finally, we will be able to learn the origin of our universe!" Apparently a billion dollar telescope is an easier solution than looking at Genesis, chapter one.

But the presenter of the video used the images that were captured to show the amazing beauty and complexity of God's creation, stating that our God had put these things in place specifically to declare His glory and His awesome power. Truly the entire universe is like a vast canvas, painted with God's own finger, bearing evidence to His existence.

And the almost infinite scope of the universe is beyond our comprehension. It was pointed out that our solar system, in comparison to our Milky Way galaxy, would be about the size of a quarter (25 cents) on the North American continent. And there is an almost countless number of galaxies in the universe!

But what's even more amazing is what we learn in Isaiah, chapter 40, where we are told that God measures out the universe with "the breadth of his hand;" and then Ephesians 4, where we hear that "(Jesus)...ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe." Truly the heavens declare the infinite majesty and power and wisdom of our incredible Creator!

Makes a person feel just a little small and insignificant in the grand scheme of things. But what's most amazing of all is the revelation from God's Holy Word, that this awesome Creator, so beyond our ability to fully comprehend, also promises that he is intimately present with each one of us.

Not only does He have every one of the stars counted and named, we are told that He knows every hair that is on our heads! Not only can He hold the entire universe in his hand, He also promises that He is with us every moment of every day, that He will never leave us or forsake us.

How beyond our comprehension is the knowledge that a God who rules all the vast expanses of our universe should love us so much that He would come to this tiny speck of a planet to share in our human condition, to pay the price for our sins, to suffer and die for our salvation–and to promise us an eternity of joy in His presence, simply through faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.