This week the <u>Perseid meteor shower</u> is filling the night sky with a display of one of God's wonders—shooting stars, sometimes up to 60 an hour! With so much uncertainty and change in the world at this time, let's step aside from it by stepping outside to gaze in awe at the heavens.

Although individual meteors streak across the sky and then are gone, the Perseid metor shower comes around reliably every August. And the stars we see all across the sky are constants that were there before the time of Abraham, were there when Jesus walked the earth, and will continue beyond these unsettled times, reminding us that Jesus Christ is same yesterday, today, and forever, through all that comes and goes in this world. (Hebrews 13:8)

If you can, step outside on a clear night this week and look up! The meteors tend to come in spurts, so make yourself comfortable, and let's meditate on the following verses while we watch and wait to see the heavens declare the glory of God.

Monday:

Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
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 147:1, 4-5

Tuesday:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. Psalm 19:1-4

Wednesday:

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. Psalm 33:6

Thursday:

He made all the stars—the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the southern sky. He does great things too marvelous to understand. Job 9:9-10

Friday:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—

His faithful love endures forever.

the sun to rule the day,

His faithful love endures forever.

and the moon and stars to rule the night.

His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 136: 1,7-9

Saturday:

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8: 1, 3-4