

HEAVEN

Our Father in Heaven...

(Matthew 6:9, NIV)

God is in heaven – a place beyond our reach. We can only speak of heaven in images / metaphors but none adequately describe it. We are reminded that God is infinitely greater than we can imagine. We cannot understand God; we cannot manipulate God; we cannot tell him what to do; we cannot tame God; he will not fit in our categories.

The expanding universe speaks of his infinite greatness. The mountains speak of his majesty. The inner workings of the cells of our bodies speak of his infinite attention for every detail of our lives.

Yet God reveals himself to us – through nature, through words we can understand, through a person, Jesus, to whom we can relate. He wants us to know him as Father, the source of all that exists.

Prayer:

*By what name can we invoke you?
You surpass all names*

*What hymn can sing your praises?
What words can speak of you?*

*From you proceeds
all that is spoken
yet you are beyond all speech*

*From you has issued
all that is thought
yet you are beyond all thinking*

*You are the focus of all expectation
of all silent aspiration*

*On you converge
all the murmurings
of your entire creation*

Glory to you! God in the highest!

Gregory of Nazianzus (4th century AD)