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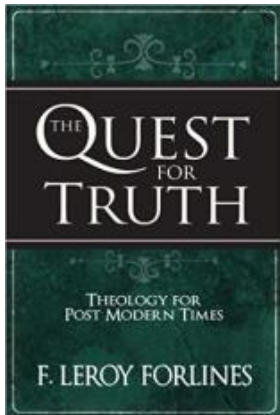
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A Heavenly Witness

Heavenly lights and wise men are interwoven in Scripture. Just as the star led the magi of old to Jesus' location, this coming week will grant us the opportunity to observe another celestial witness. On Monday evening, December 21, around dusk, look to the southwest horizon for 15 to 20 minutes. Jupiter and Saturn will [conjoin](#) in a manner that has not been visible from the earth for about 800 years and will not be seen again for 60 more! The event known as "The Christmas Star" in astronomy occurs when planets, rather than stars, appear near one another from an earthling's perspective. How like the Lord to give us a heavenly reminder during 2020 that He is still the Sovereign of the universe. To those with eyes to see and ears to hear, "**The heavens declare the glory of God...**" ([Psalm 19:1](#)).

An Earthly Witness



Heavenly lights and wise men are interwoven within Scripture. The prophet Daniel made the following insightful and eloquent application for all of us ([Daniel 12:3](#)) over two millennia ago: "**And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.**" The very day that the "Christmas Star" gains visibility this year, an earthly light that shone on thousands of lives will be laid to rest in Nashville. Brother Leroy Forlines, a beloved instructor, mentor, and friend to three generations of our family, launched into his heavenly reward(s) this week. He "turned many to righteousness" by seeking to live a life of immovable integrity, sharing watershed teachings in [systematic theology](#) and ethics, and providing ongoing and kind encouragement to students for decades after helping them form some [thought-grooves](#) in their brains during classes. Our family continues to reflect some of the glow that his bright reflection of Christ passed to us. We trust our prayers of grateful love and thought will join with those of the Forlines and many others during these days.

Merry Christmas, friends! May your and our lives given in loving service with King Jesus be unwavering, like lighthouse lights during storms, as 2020 yields to 2021! May no candlelight flicker out in the wind(s) as we reflect and plan, but most importantly, learn to walk ever more closely aligned to His purposes in the ways that shine "forever and ever!"

Prayer & Praise

- ✚ Pray that the many influenced by Brother Forline's personal and intellectual integrity, his intense devotion to Jesus, and his simply explained yet theologically profound teaching work as tirelessly as he did to shine Truth on every aspect of culture for generations to come. Pray with family as they celebrate his life in a time when communal grief is difficult to do.
- ✚ Continue to pray for post-election woes in Cote d'Ivoire. Legislative elections are expected to occur during the first quarter of 2021.
- ✚ Debbie tested positive for COVID-19 this week. She quarantines herself at home with mild symptoms. We give thanks this happens now rather than closer to our departure date!

Your partners in the Gospel,
Verlin & Debbie

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