

Isaiah 40

A meditation to start the year

We will soar high
on wings like eagles
Isaiah 40:31



Who will soar high?

But those who wait on the Lord
shall renew their strength: they
shall mount up with wings like
eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not
faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Who will soar high?

But **those who wait on the Lord**
shall renew their strength: they
shall mount up with wings like
eagles, they shall run and not be
weary, they shall walk and not
faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Behold your God (v9)

O Zion,
You who bring good tidings,
Get up into the high mountain;
O Jerusalem,
You who bring good tidings,
Lift up your voice with strength,
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your
God!”

Strong! (v10)

Behold, the Lord GOD shall come
with a strong hand,
And His arm shall rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His work before Him.

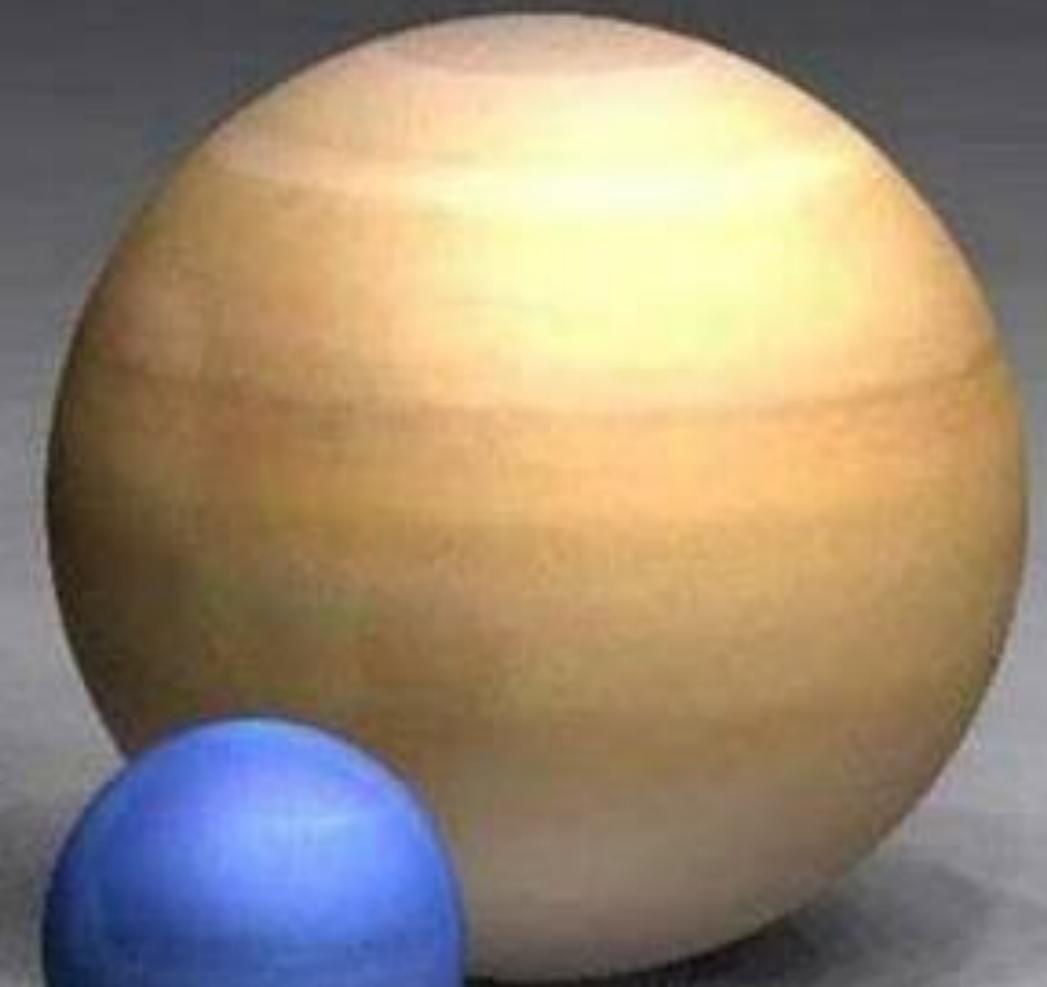
Big! (v12,15)

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand,
Measured heaven with a span
And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure?
Weighed the mountains in scales
And the hills in a balance?
Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust on the scales;
Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.

Jupiter



Saturn



Uranus



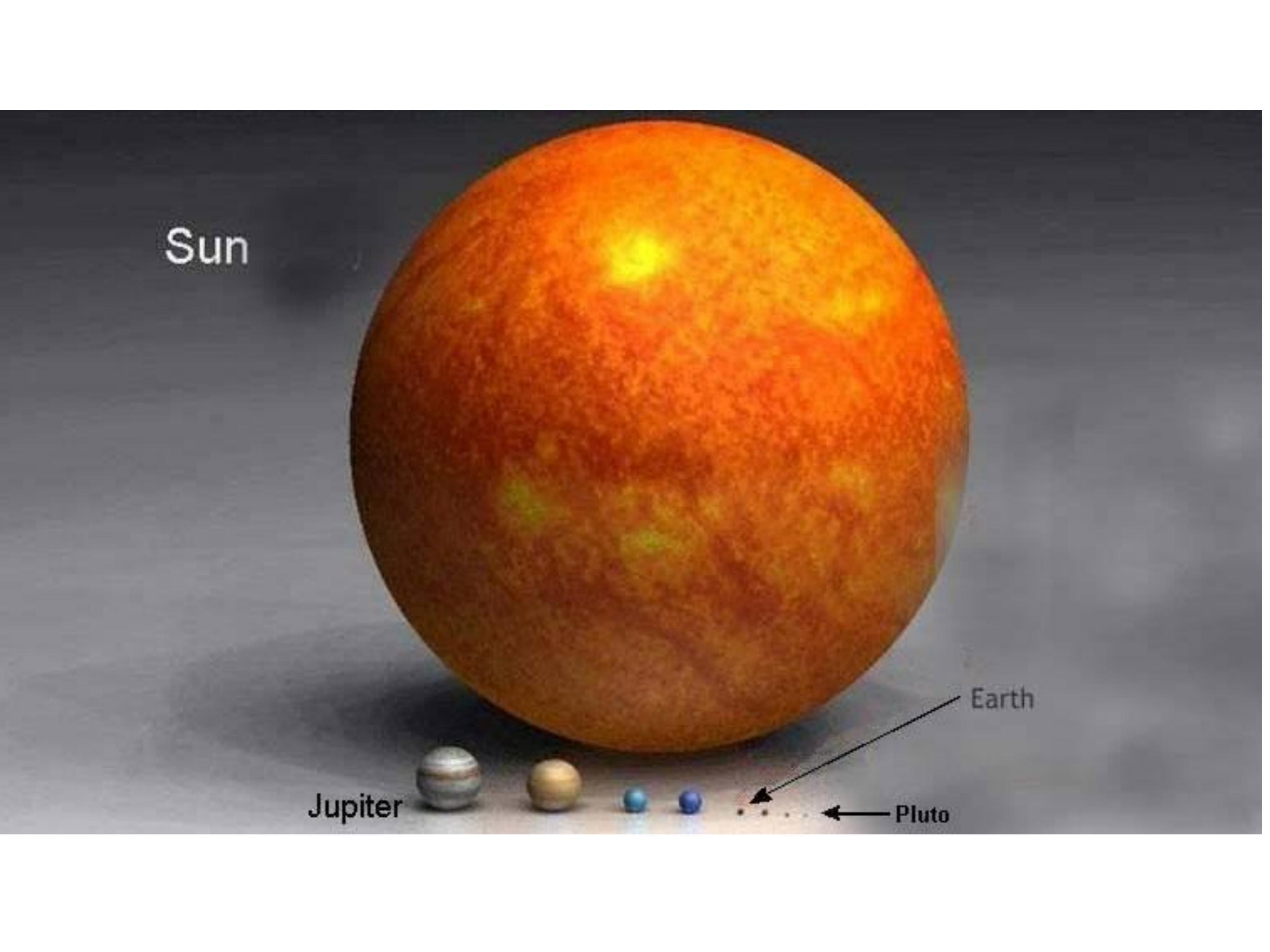
Earth →



Neptune

← Pluto



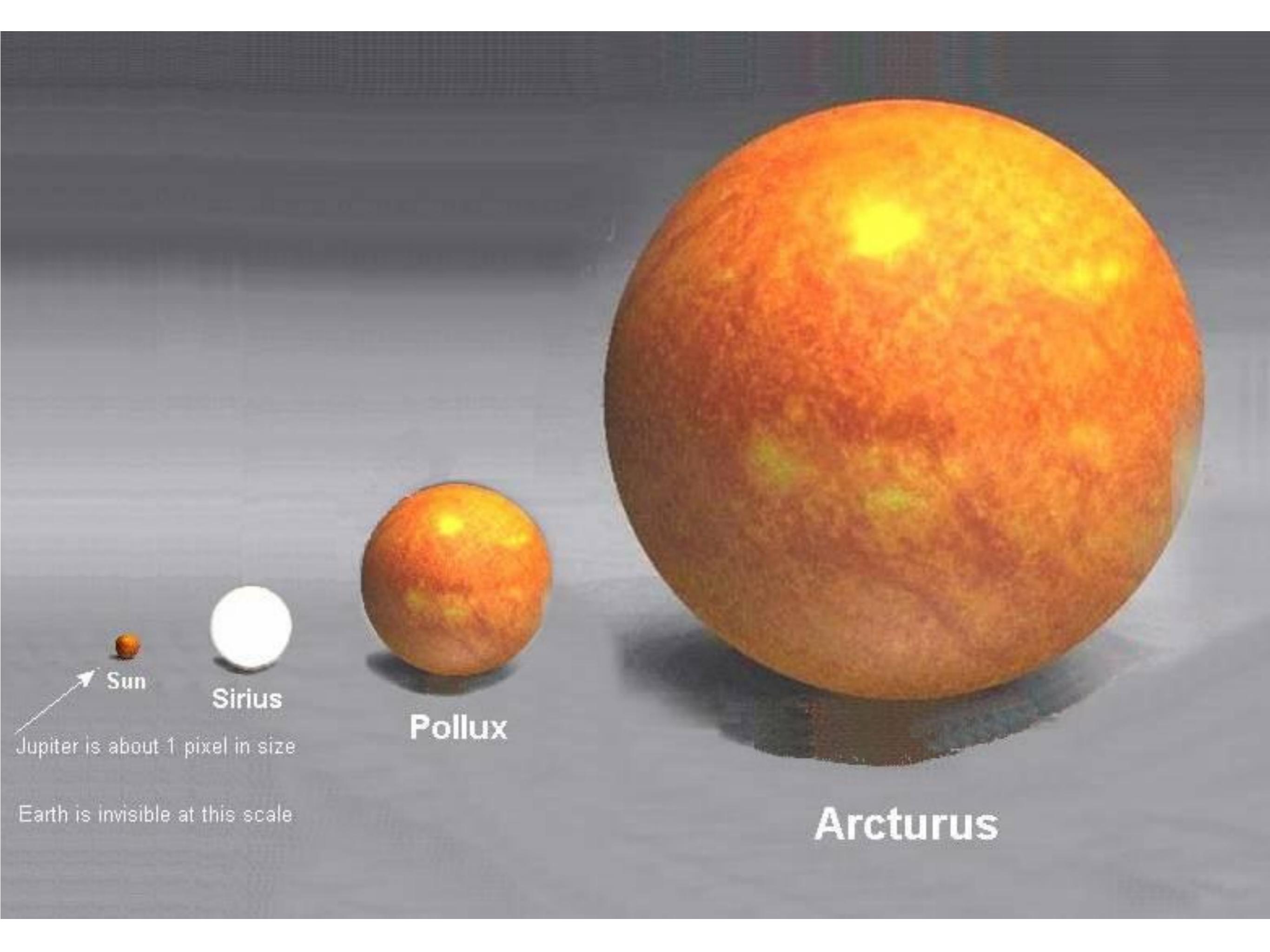


Sun

Earth

Jupiter

Pluto



Sun

Sirius

Pollux

Arcturus

Jupiter is about 1 pixel in size

Earth is invisible at this scale



Betelgeuse



Antares

Sun (1 pixel)

Jupiter is invisible at this scale

Sirius

Pollux

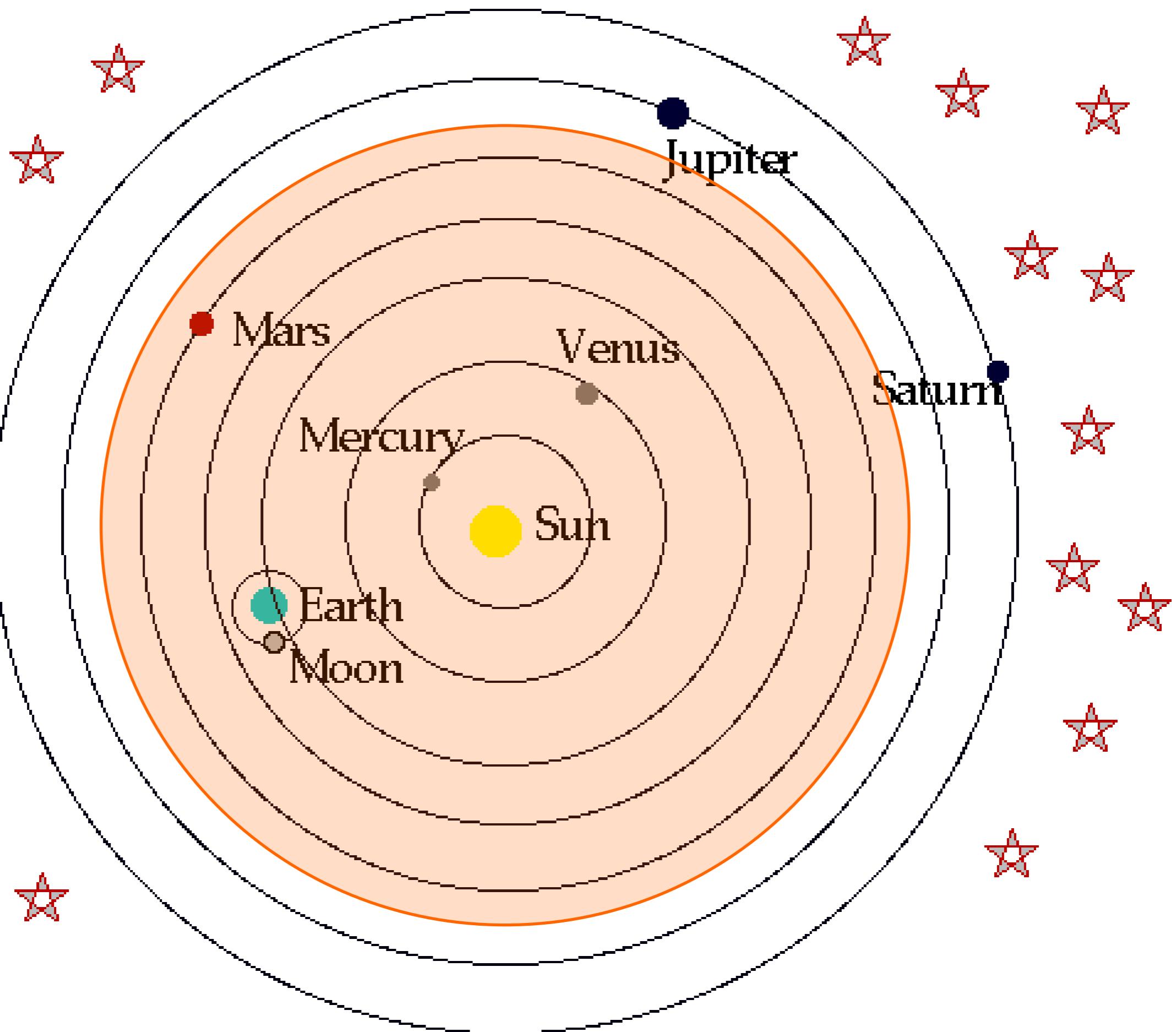
Arcturus



Rigel



Aldebaran



Incomparable! (v18,25)

To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you
compare to Him?
“To whom then will you liken Me,
Or to whom shall I be equal?”
says the Holy One.

Loving & Gentle (v11)

He tends his flock like a
shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his
heart;
he gently leads those that have
young.

THIS is our God!



The Glory of God....

Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your glory!” And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.”

(Exodus 33:6-7)

The Glory of God....

Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;

(Exodus 34:6-7)

From an understanding of God's own heart....

The priests stood at their posts, and the Levites also, with the instruments of music to the LORD, which King David had made for giving praise to the LORD—"for His lovingkindness is everlasting"—whenever he gave praise by their means...
(2 Chronicles 7:6)

What kind of people should we be?

For as the earth brings forth its bud,
As the garden causes the things that
are sown in it to spring forth,
So the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise to spring
forth before all the nations.

(Isaiah 61:11)

People who....

LOOK at the face of Christ
LOVE everyone we meet
LIVE like heaven is near

Wait on the Lord
Give him your attention

The LORD, the LORD God,
compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding
in lovingkindness and truth