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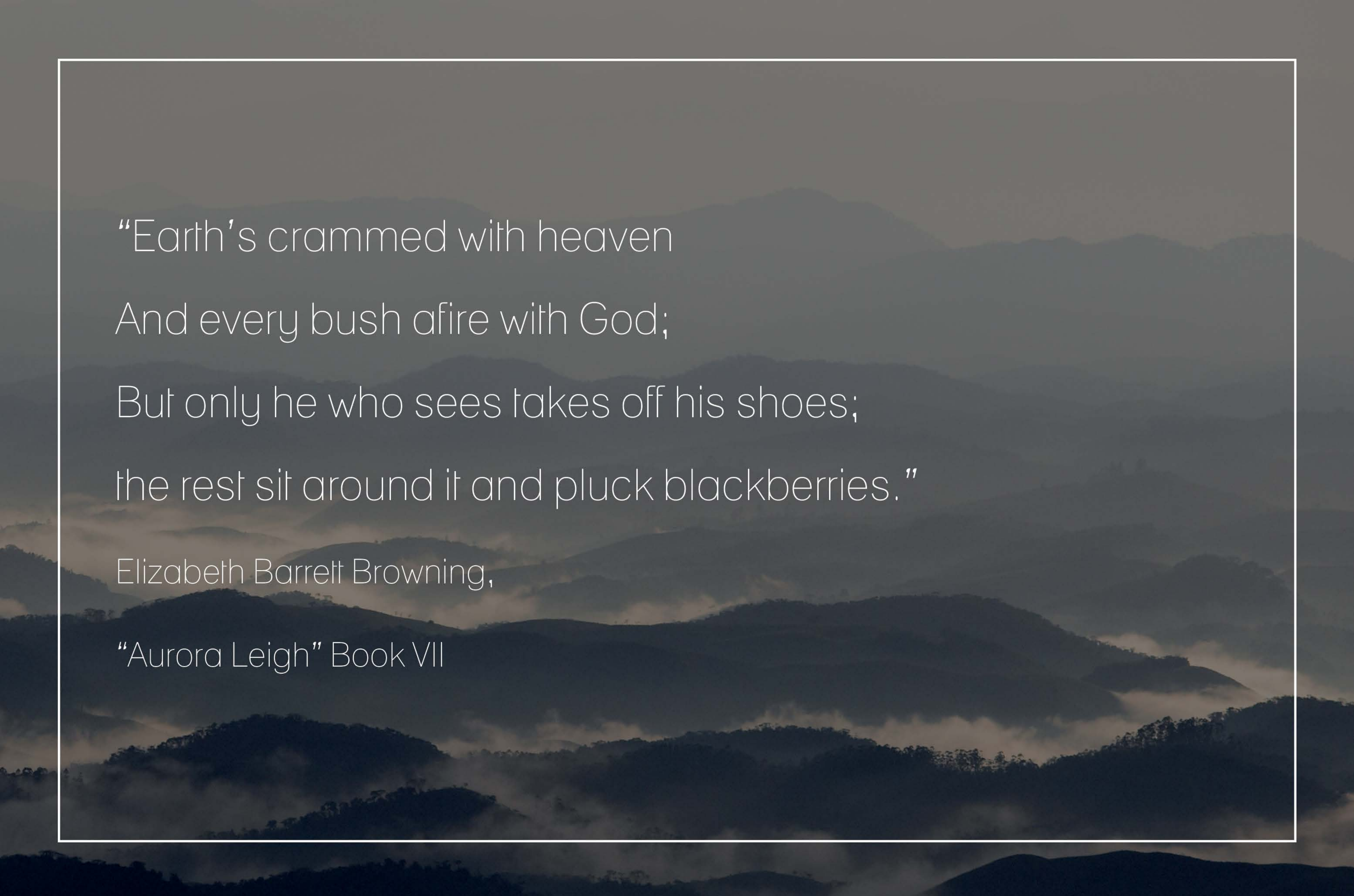
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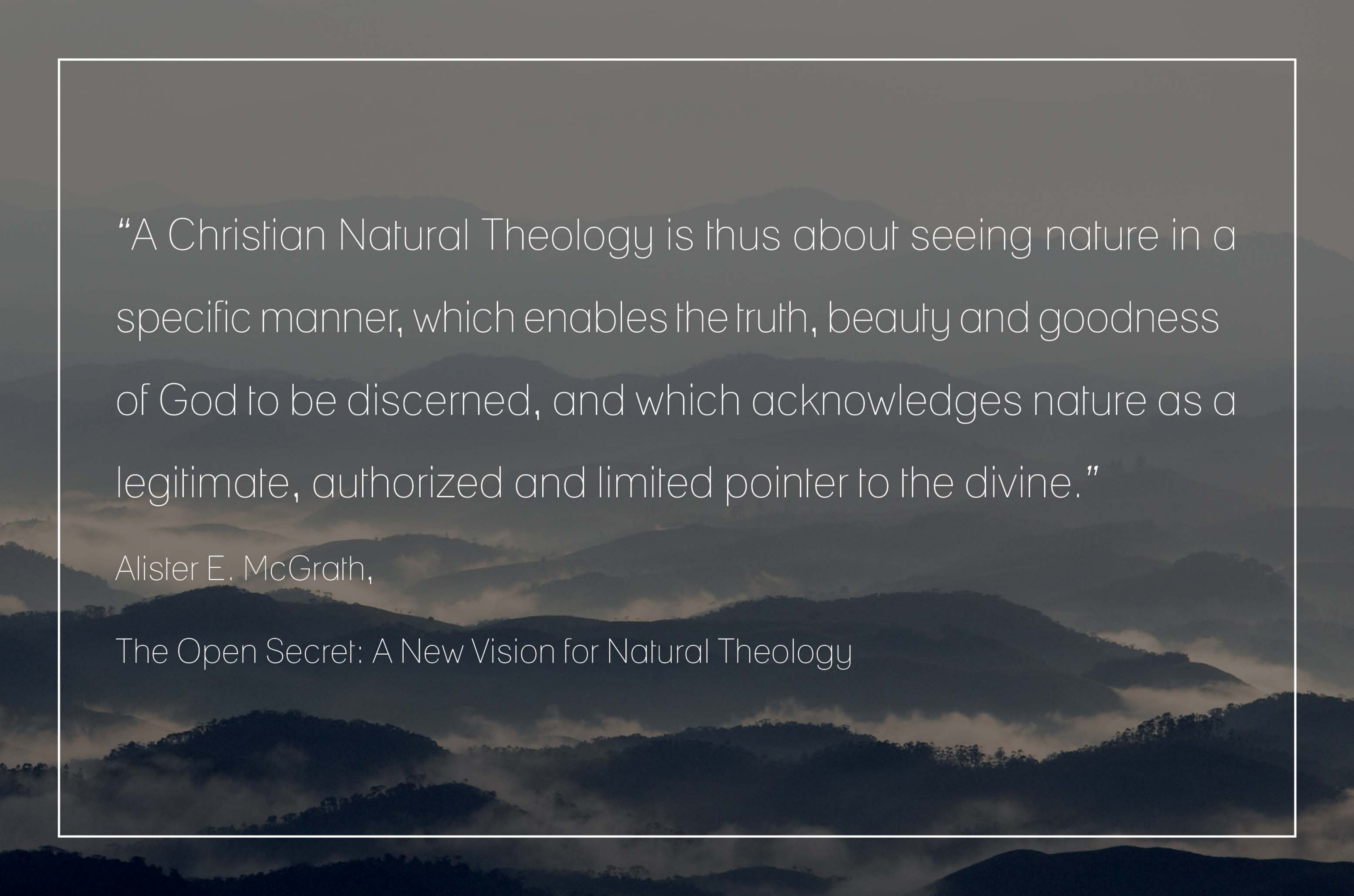
GOD AND THE WATERS ▷



“Earth’s crammed with heaven
And every bush afire with God;
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
the rest sit around it and pluck blackberries.”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning,

“Aurora Leigh” Book VII



“A Christian Natural Theology is thus about seeing nature in a specific manner, which enables the truth, beauty and goodness of God to be discerned, and which acknowledges nature as a legitimate, authorized and limited pointer to the divine.”

Alister E. McGrath,

The Open Secret: A New Vision for Natural Theology

GOD IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1



GOD IN THE BEGINNING

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed
the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are
God.

Psalm 90:1-2

GOD IN THE BEGINNING

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Isaiah 40:21-23

GOD IN THE BEGINNING

The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:24-27

GOD IN THE BEGINNING

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Hebrews 1:3



GOD SPEAKS IN NATURE

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen.
Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.

C.S. Lewis, *Weight of Glory*

GOD SPEAKS IN NATURE

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

GOD SPEAKS IN NATURE

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Psalms 97:6

GOD SPEAKS IN NATURE

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20

GOD SPEAKS IN NATURE

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:3



GOD'S AWE INSPIRING CREATION

The created glory may be expected to give us hints of the uncreated; for the one is derived from the other and in some fashion reflects it.

C.S. Lewis, *Four Loves*

GOD'S AWE INSPIRING CREATION

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him.

Psalm 8:3-4

GOD'S AWE INSPIRING CREATION

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

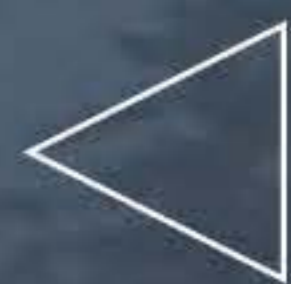
Psalms 95:1-5

GOD'S AWE INSPIRING CREATION

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has measured the Spirit of the Lord,
or what man shows him his counsel?

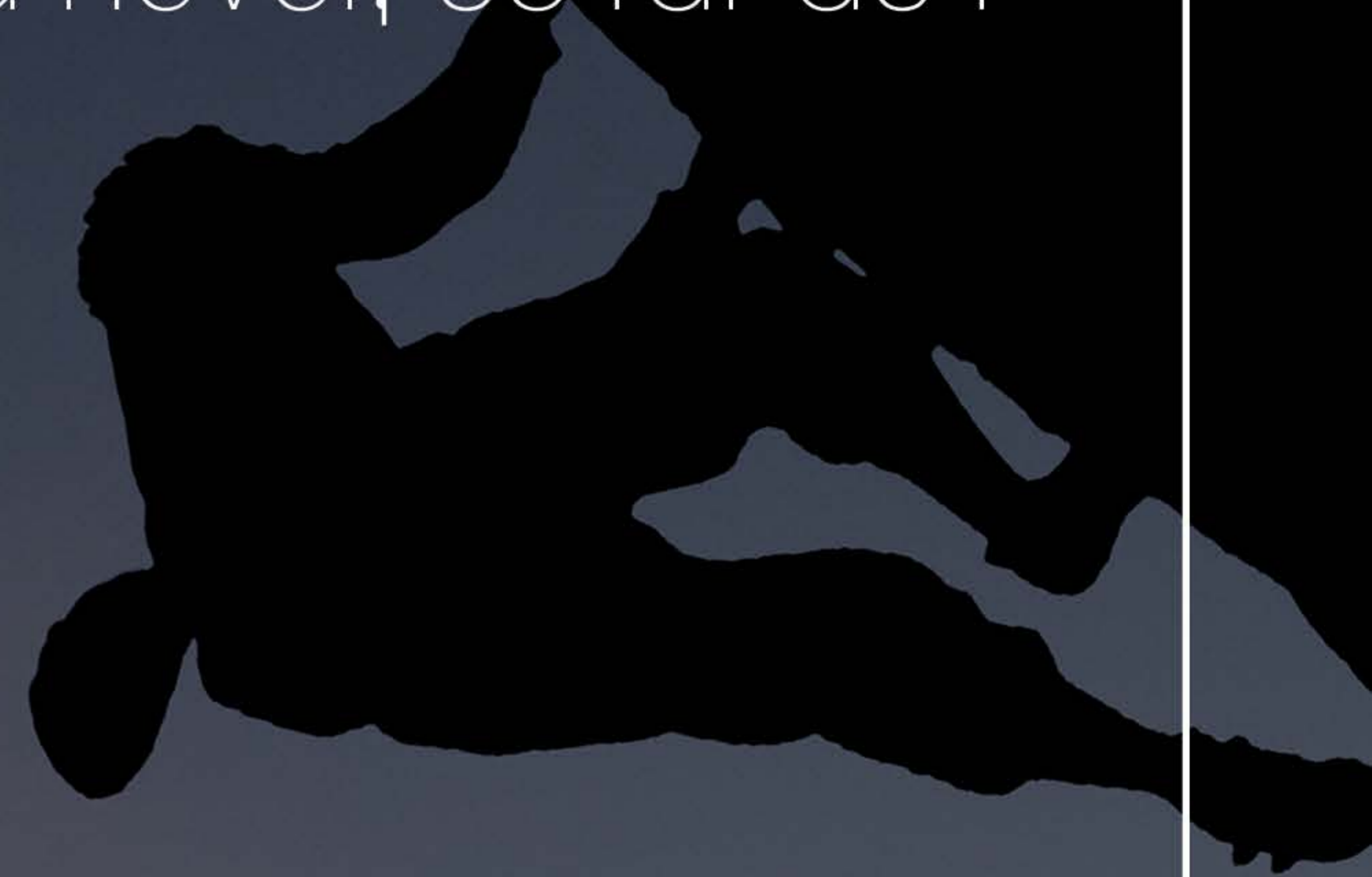
Isaiah 40:12-13



GOD IS MIGHTY

But nature gave the word glory a meaning for me...And if nature had never awakened certain longings in me, huge areas of what I now mean by the "love of God" would never, so far as I can see, existed.

C.S. Lewis, *Four Loves*



GOD IS MIGHTY

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Psalm 46:1-3

GOD IS MIGHTY

O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty as you are,
O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you?
You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise,
you still them.

Psalm 89:8-9

GOD IS MIGHTY

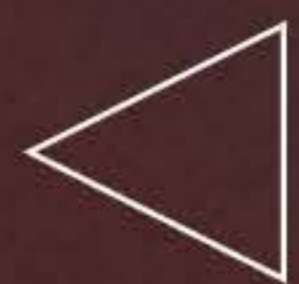
The floods have risen up, O Lord.
The floods have roared like thunder;
the floods have lifted their pounding waves.
But mightier than the violent raging of the seas,
mightier than the breakers on the shore -
the Lord above is mightier than these!

Psalm 93:3-4 (NLT)

GOD IS MIGHTY

He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

Psalm 147:4-5



GOD AND OUR PATH

Teach me how to live, O LORD.
Lead me along the right path...

Psalms 27:11 (NLT)

GOD AND OUR PATH

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 16:11

GOD AND OUR PATH

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Psalms 23:1-3

GOD AND OUR PATH

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

GOD AND OUR PATH

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

GOD AND OUR PATH

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.

Proverbs 4:18-19

GOD AND OUR PATH

Look straight ahead,
and fix your eyes on what lies before you.
Mark out a straight path for your feet;
stay on the safe path.
Don't get sidetracked;
keep your feet from following evil.

Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT)

GOD AND OUR PATH

And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

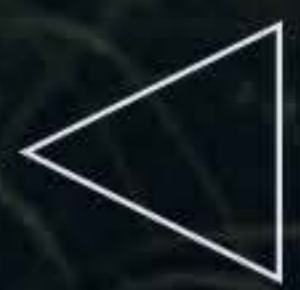
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

Isaiah 42:16

GOD AND OUR PATH

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14



TREES & GOD'S PEOPLE

The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9b

TREES & GOD'S PEOPLE

...that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:3b

TREES & GOD'S PEOPLE

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is in the Lord.

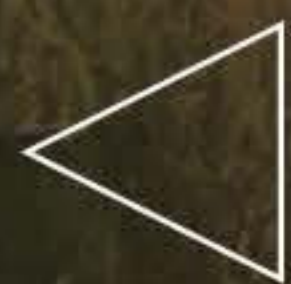
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

TREES & GOD'S PEOPLE

For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:43-45



GOD IS LIGHT

There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God...not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm.

John Newton

GOD IS LIGHT

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

GOD IS LIGHT

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

GOD IS LIGHT

Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:12-14

GOD IS LIGHT

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17



GOD AND THE MOUNTAINS

The mountaintop is not meant to teach us anything, it is meant to make us something.

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest



GOD AND THE MOUNTAINS

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

Psalms 36:6



GOD AND THE MOUNTAINS

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.

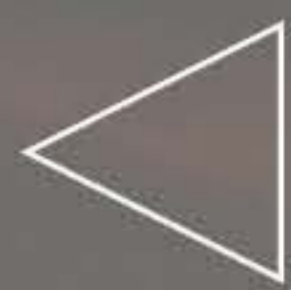
Psalm 125:2



GOD AND THE MOUNTAINS

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

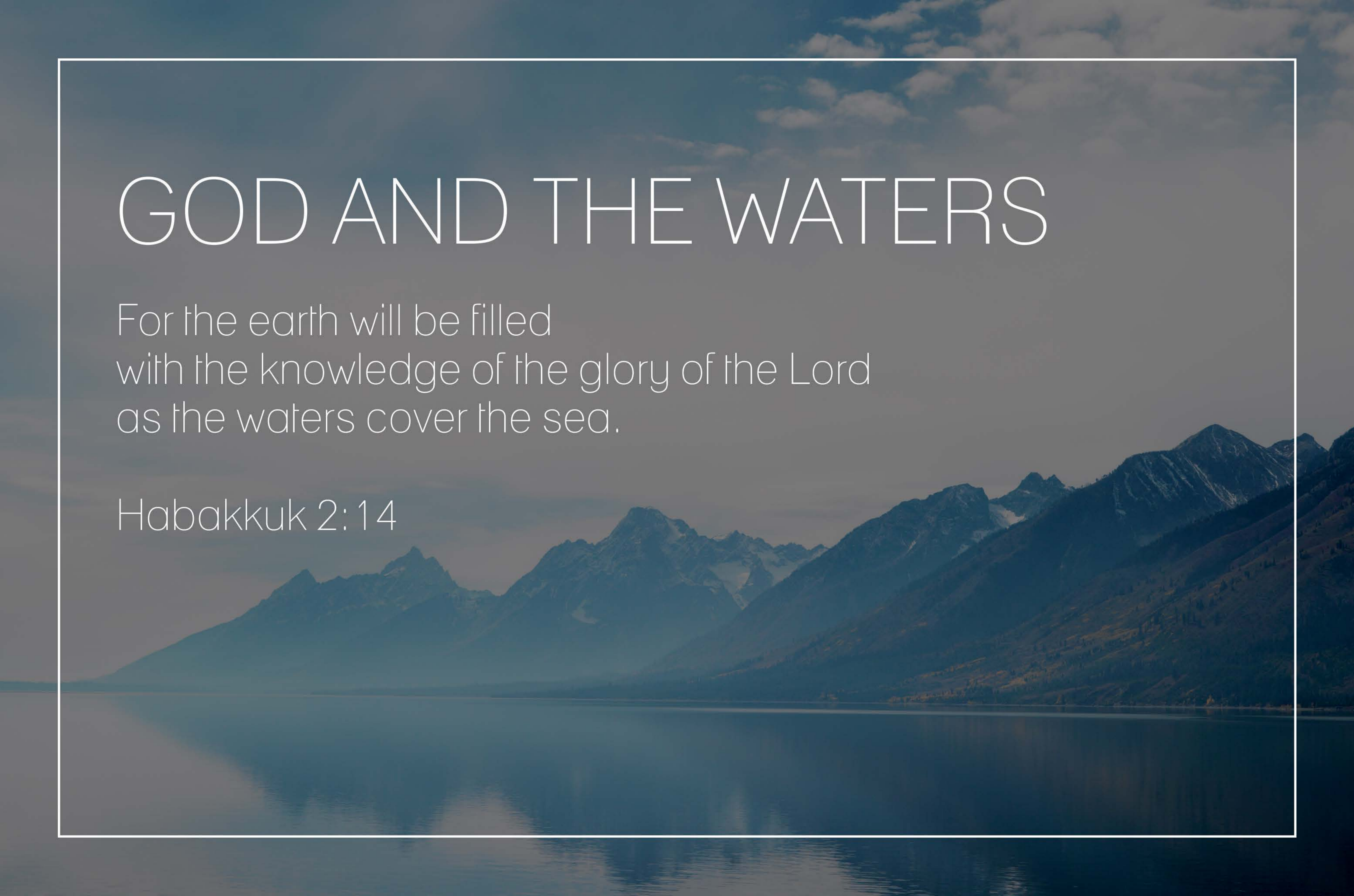
Isaiah 52:7



GOD AND THE WATERS

For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:14



GOD AND THE WATERS

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

Psalm 139:17

GOD AND THE WATERS

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”

Isaiah 12:3-4

GOD AND THE WATERS

For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring,
and my blessing on your descendants.
They shall spring up among the grass
like willows by flowing streams.

Isaiah 44:3-4

GOD AND THE WATERS

Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments!
Then your peace would have been like a river,
and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 48:18

GOD AND THE WATERS

For my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:13

GOD AND THE WATERS

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

John 4:10

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GOD AND THE WATERS

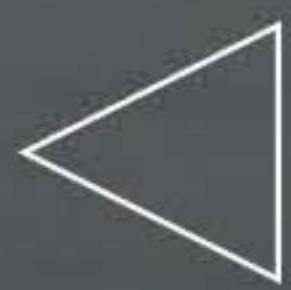
The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

John 4:11-14

GOD AND THE WATERS

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:37-39



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