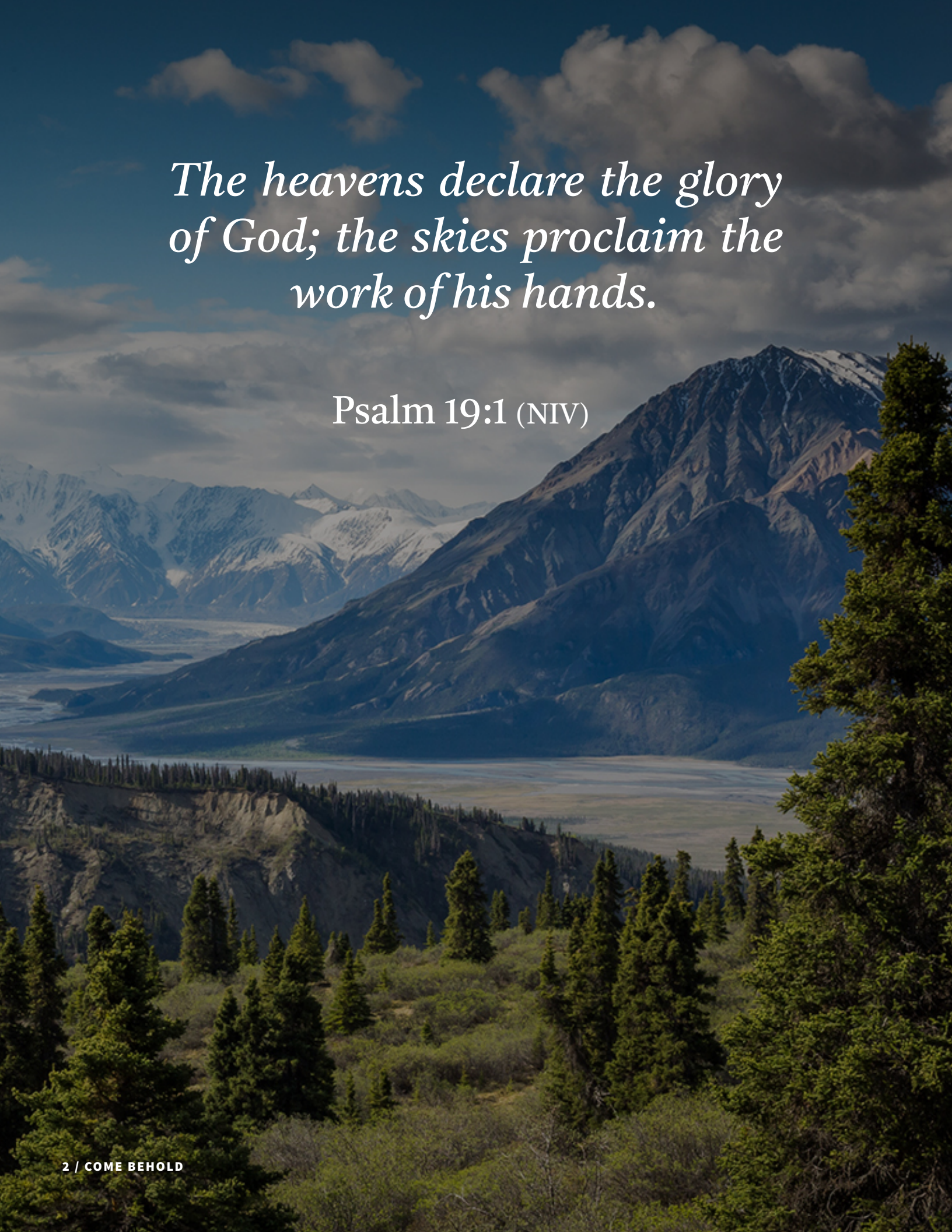




**COME
BEHOLD**



*The heavens declare the glory
of God; the skies proclaim the
work of his hands.*

Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

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Scriptures

“Your creation is a million wondrous miracles, beautiful to behold. I ask of you just one more miracle, beautify my soul.”

Robert Van de Weyer

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.”

1 John 3:1

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?”

Jeremiah 32:17

“For David says of Him, “I was always beholding the Lord in my presence for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken. Therefore, my heart was glad and my tongue exalted, moreover, my flesh also will abide in hope.”

Acts 2:25-26

“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”

John 17:24

“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.”

Isaiah 48:10

“But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

“And he who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me.”

John 12:45

“After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; because I live, you shall live also.”

John 14:19

“As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations.”

Genesis 17:4

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32

“And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

Genesis 1:33

“The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

“For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant; For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.”

Luke 1:48

“And He told them a parable: “Behold the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.”

Luke 21:29-31

“If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.”

Psalms 139:8

“One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.”

Psalms 27:4

“And they will say, “Come, behold the works of God who multiplies His wonders upon the children of men!”

Psalms 66:5 (Aramaic Bible in Plain English)

“For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.”

Psalms 11:7

“With a long life I will satisfy him, And let him behold My salvation.”

Psalm 91:6

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?”

Psalm 42:2

“...behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands.”

Revelation 7:9

“BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.”

Revelation 1:7

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”

Revelation 3:20

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Creation Symbolism and Meditation

*“Creation is the
canvas on which*

*God has painted
His character.”*

Author unknown

Psalm 8

“LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth...”

Psalm 19

“The heavens declare the glory of God...”

Psalm 23

“The Lord is my Shepherd...”

Psalm 84

“How lovely are Your dwelling places...”

Psalm 93

“The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty...”

Proverbs 8:22-31

“The LORD created me at the beginning of His way...”

Job 38-41

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind...”

John 15:1-5

“For I am the true vine...”

Romans 8:18-21

“For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God...”

Romans 1:19-21

“Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature...has been clearly perceived...”

Habakkuk 3:17-19

“Though the fig tree should not bloom...”

Matthew 6:26-30

“Behold the birds of the sky...”

I Kings 19:11-13

“...but the Lord was not in the wind...”

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Poems

*“In the woods we return
to reason and faith.”*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*“The universe is the maternity
ward of divine beauty.”*

Robert Van de Weyer

Study the Stone

by Meister Eckhart

Be yourself. And if what this means
is unclear to you, look around at
the things of this earth. Study the stone
which always does what it was made
to do: it doesn't always fall in the
same way, sometimes resting in high
places and at other times finding its
rest where the earth allows it to lie,
but its purpose is to move downward,
and in this the stone loves God in the
way it can, singing the new song
which God gives each creature and thing –
and also you who read this and at times
wonder what to do and how to be.

The Soul

by Robert Van de Weyer

I am the flame of fire,
Blazing with passionate love;
I am the spark of light,
Illuminating the deepest truth;
I am the rough ocean,
Heaving with righteous anger;
I am the calm lake,
Comforting the trouble breast;
I am the wild storm,
Raging at human sins;
I am the gentle breeze,
Blowing hope in the saddened heart;
I am the dry dust,
Choking worldly ambition;
I am the wet earth,
Bearing fruits of grace.

Making the House Ready for the Lord

by Mary Oliver

Dear Lord,

I have swept and I have washed but still nothing is as shining as it should be for you. Under the sink, for example, is an uproar of mice – it is the season of their many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves and through the walls the squirrels have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it is the season when they need shelter, so what shall I do?

And the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow; what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly up the path to the door. And still I believe you will come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox, the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know that really I am speaking to you whenever I say, as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

When despair grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting for their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

Behold

by Debbie Stevenson

Behold moon
Large sphere of light
Penetrating everything
Light to the dark mountains and water

Behold three wise women
With uplifted faces
Beholding in awe, the beauty and
All it's interplay of radiance

The mountains stretching,
Longing to be in the path of this alluring beam
Pulling, leaning forward
Beholding

The waters path flowing to the luminous light

All beholding the moon

The moon itself
Casting its loving gaze on everything
Beholding

Who is the beholder?

As I gaze I see they are all one
United in this one act
Beholding

Closing Blessing

by Felicity Collins

May we always remember that we belong to this beautiful Earth, that it will bear our sorrows and share our joys.

May we be deeply rooted in our truth so that we may grow tall and strong as the trees, offering shelter to all who need it.

May we be open to receiving our gifts and share them with others as freely as the rain falls, and be ever thankful.

May we be radiant and natural and fragrant as flowers that flourish, nurtured by love.

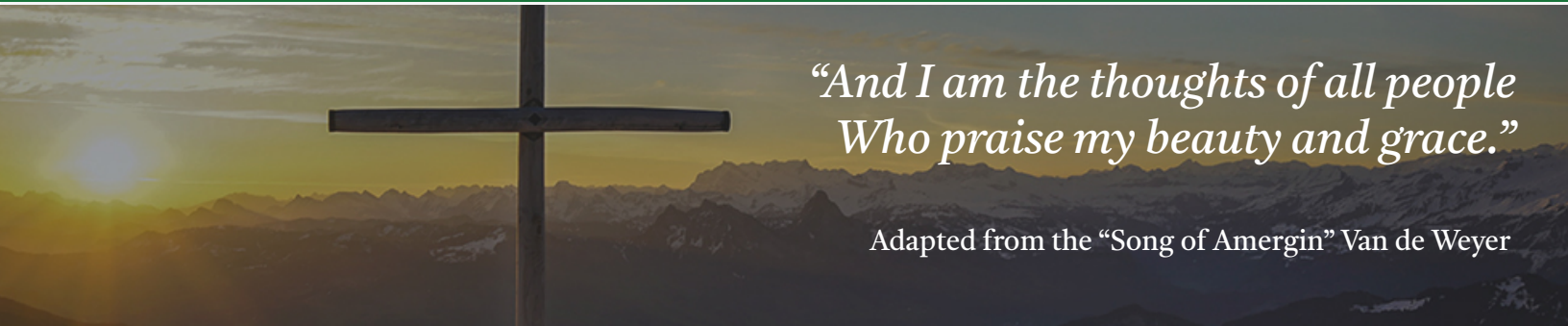
May we always be drawn to where the air is good and fresh and life-giving so that we may be en-spirited and breathe freely.

May our passion for tenderness and love be kindled and burn with the ferocity of a campfire and the merriment of kindred souls.

May each of us dare to sing our song of praise as the birds sing theirs, so that our songs may rise up together wherever we are.

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Thoughts



*“And I am the thoughts of all people
Who praise my beauty and grace.”*

Adapted from the “Song of Amergin” Van de Weyer

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