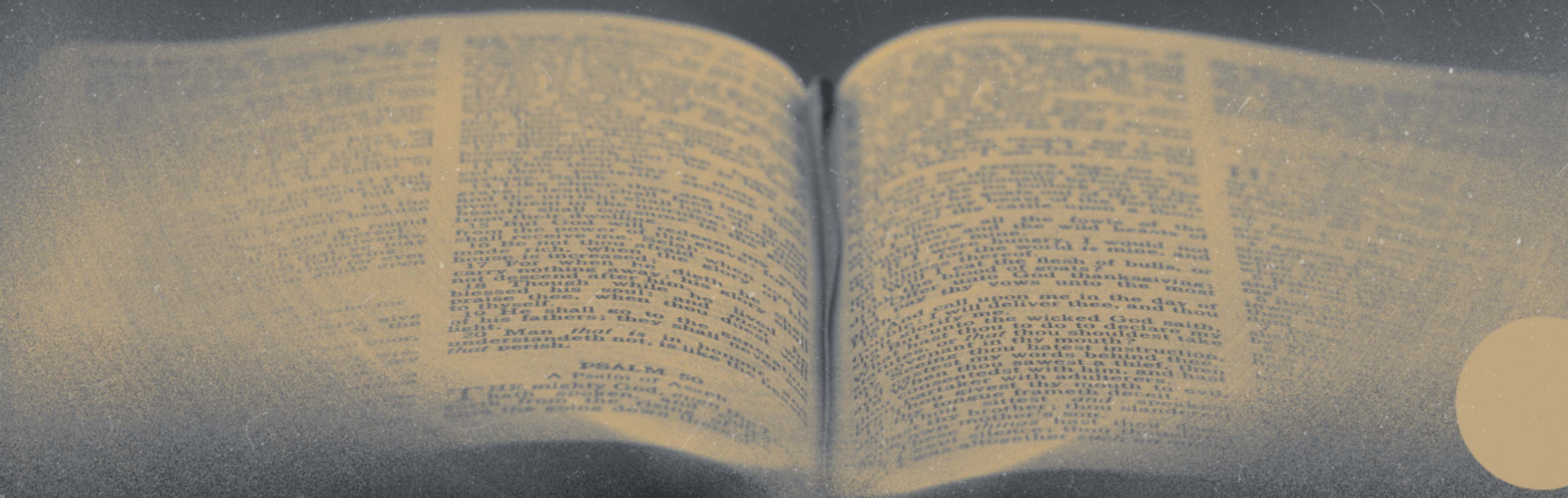
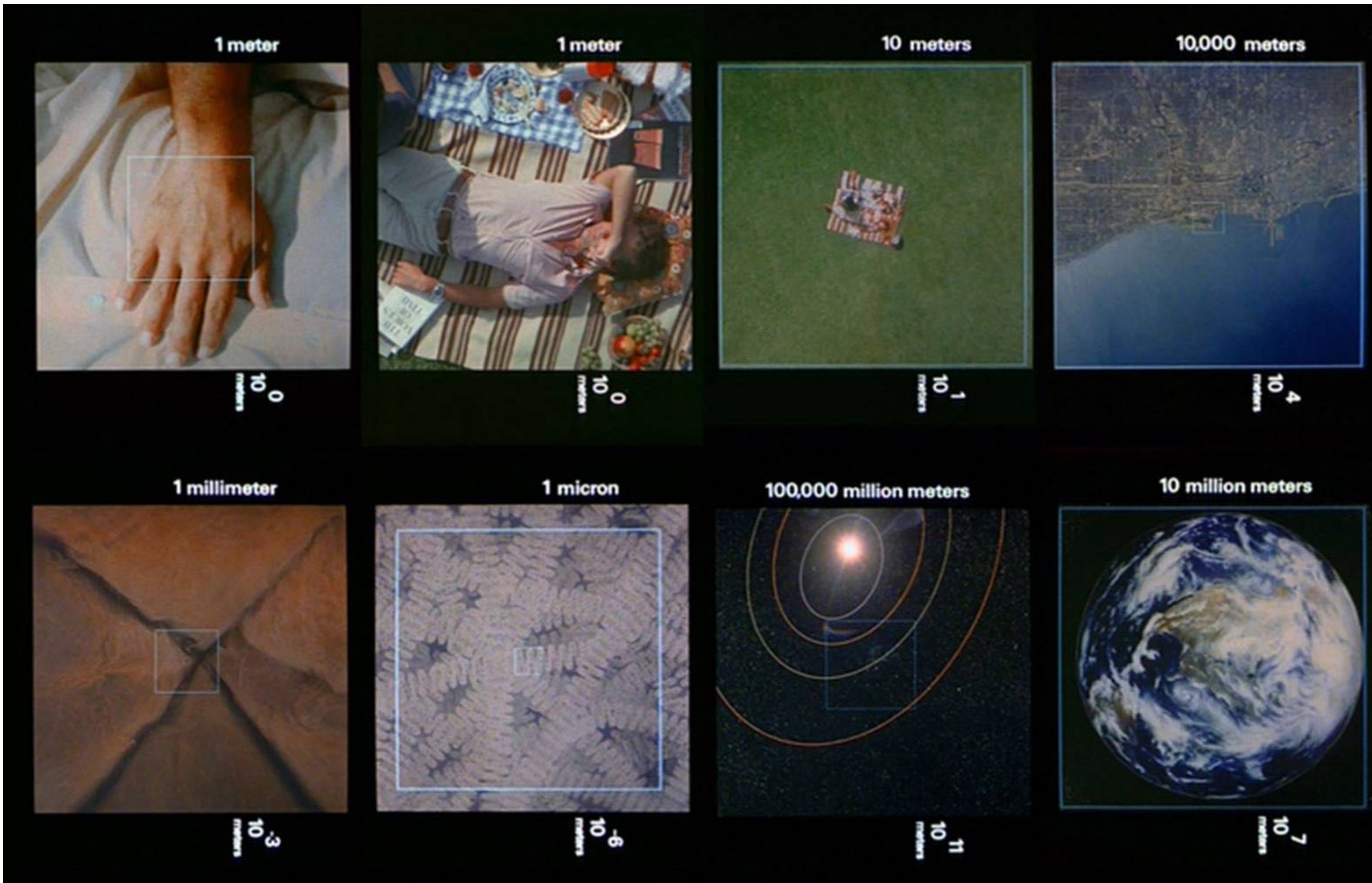


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Psalm 19 Outline

1-6 The World:

The general revelation of God's glory in nature displayed to the world.

7-11 The Word:

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11-14 Heart Response:

David's individual, personal prayer responding to revelation with worship and trust.



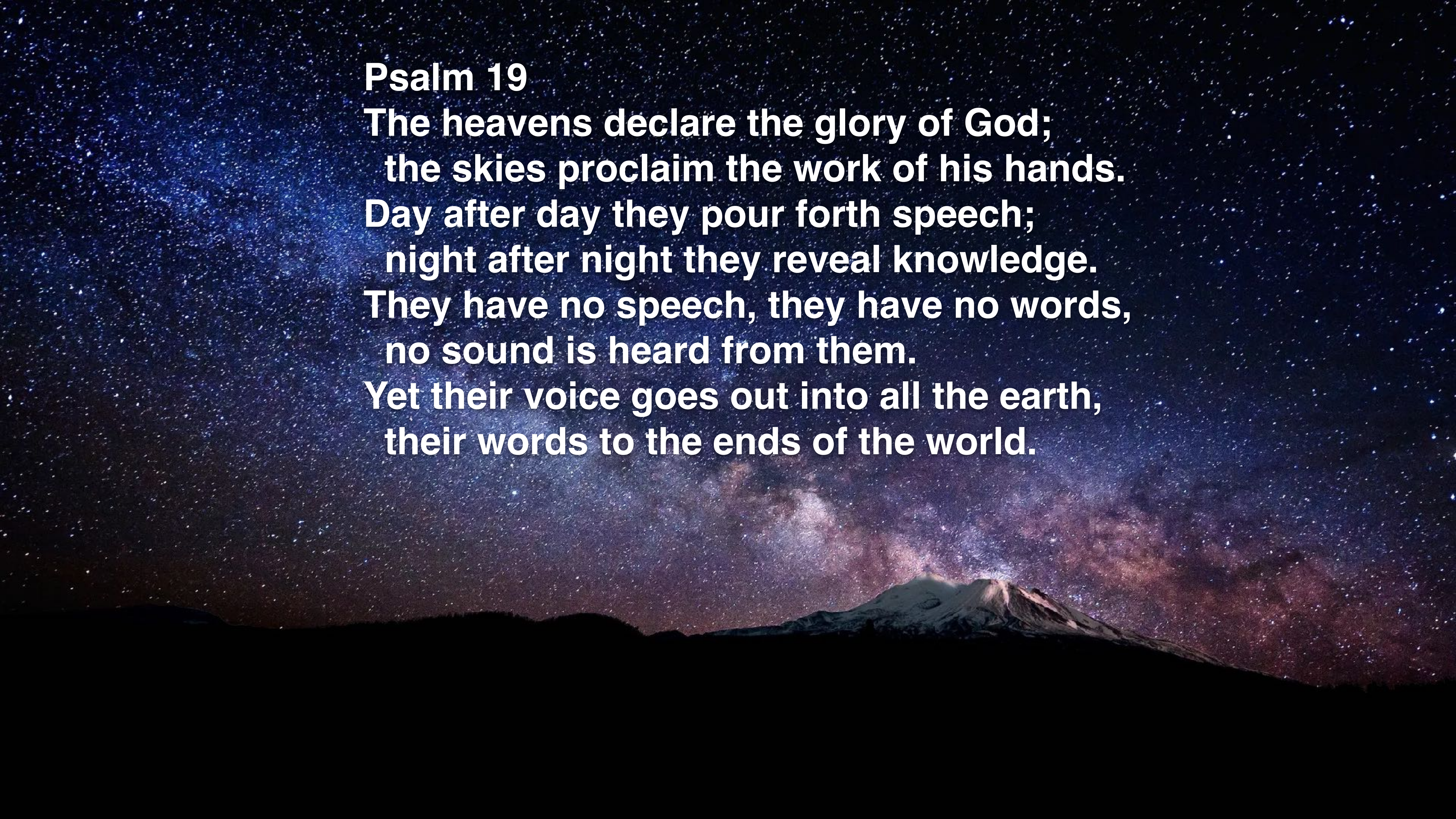
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Q. What is the chief end of man?

**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him forever.**

We praise what we enjoy!















“[Praise *expresses* delight, but praise also *completes* the delight.] In commanding us to glorify him, God is inviting us to enjoy him.”

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Psalm 19:1-6

GENERAL REVELATION IN NATURE

Creation reveals God's existence and God's nature.

Psalm 50:6

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness.....

Psalm 89:5

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too...

Romans 1:20

...since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made.

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“The Cosmological Argument”

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Psalm 8:1

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Psalm 97:6

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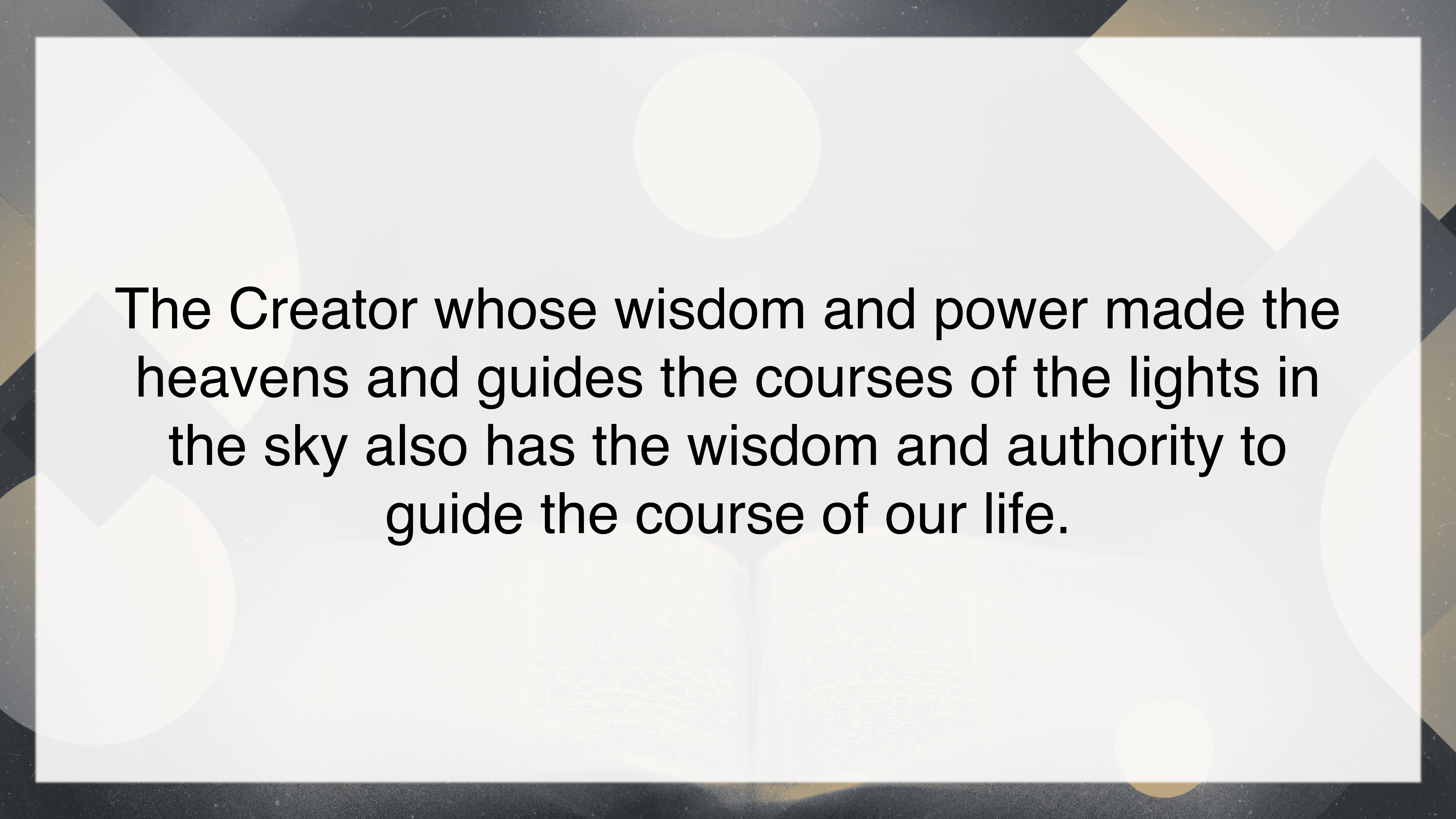
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Psalm 19:7-11

SPECIAL REVELATION IN THE COVENANT

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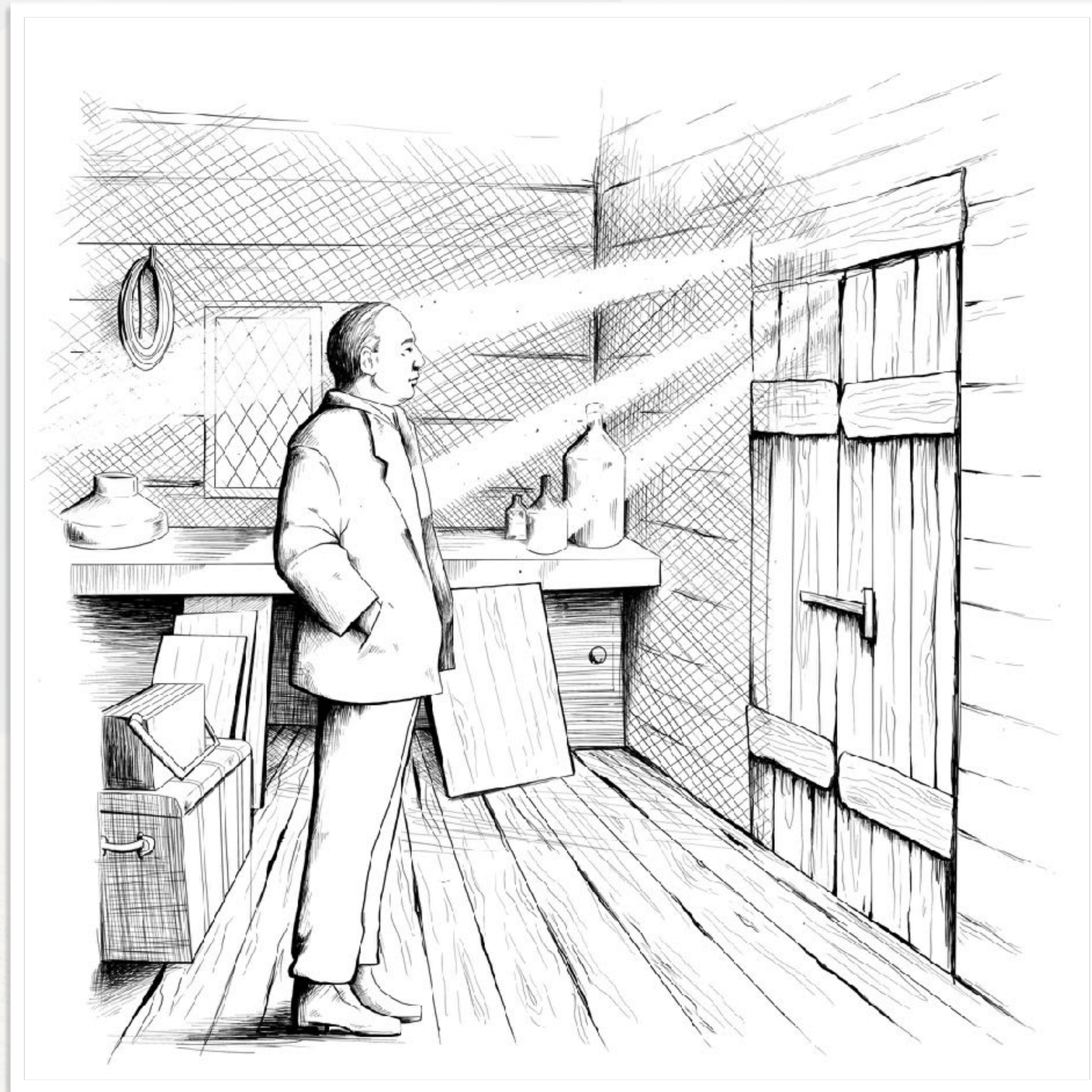
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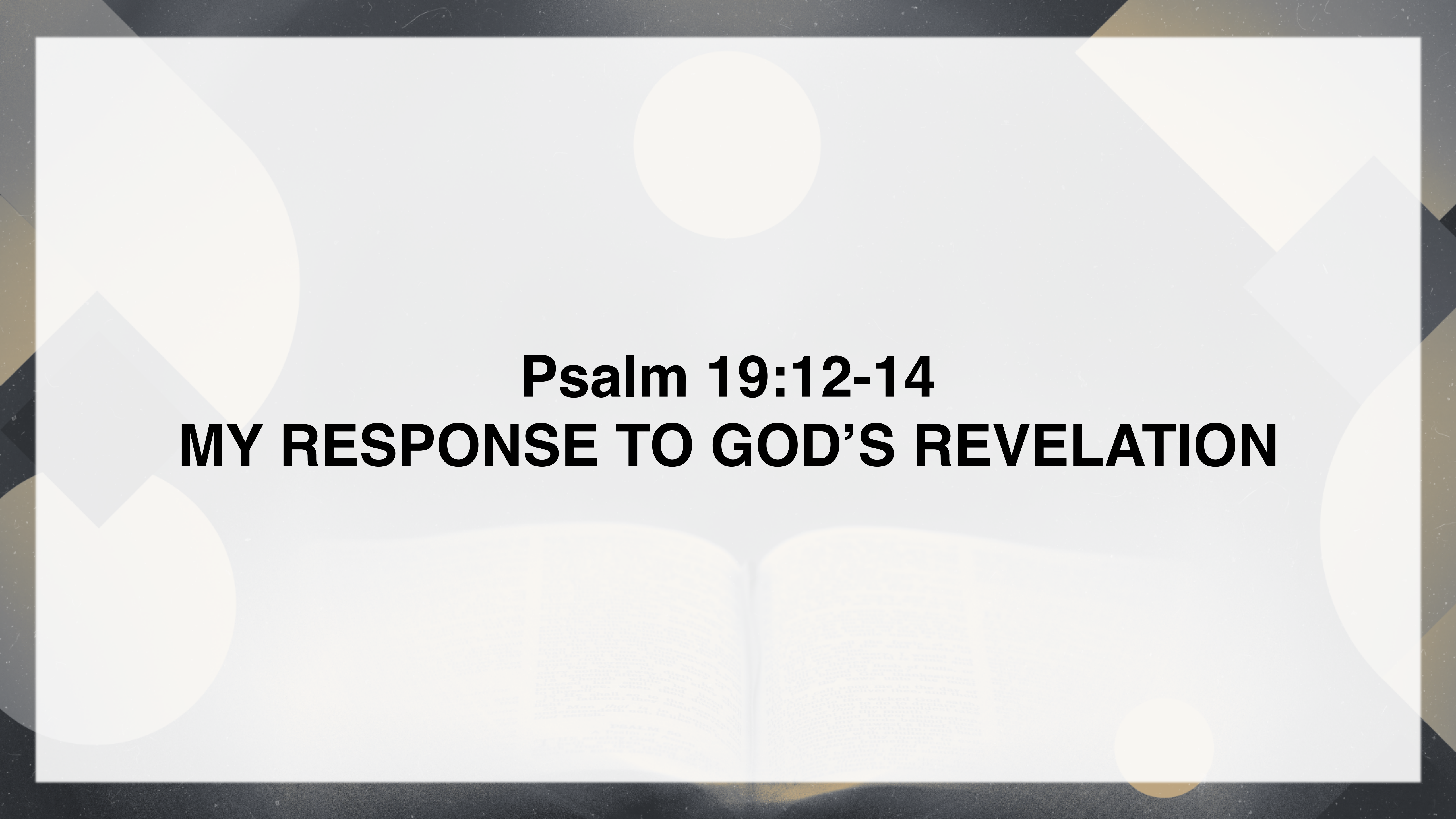
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Psalm 19:12-14
MY RESPONSE TO GOD'S REVELATION

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Recognizing the Danger of Sin



1 Corinthians 6:12

"Everything is permissible for me" — but not everything is beneficial.

"Everything is permissible for me" — but I will not be mastered by anything.

2 Peter 2:19

They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for "people are slaves to whatever has mastered them."



Meditation

Psalm 1:2

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

Proverbs 4:23

...guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life

Matthew 12:34

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Jesus Fulfills Psalm 19



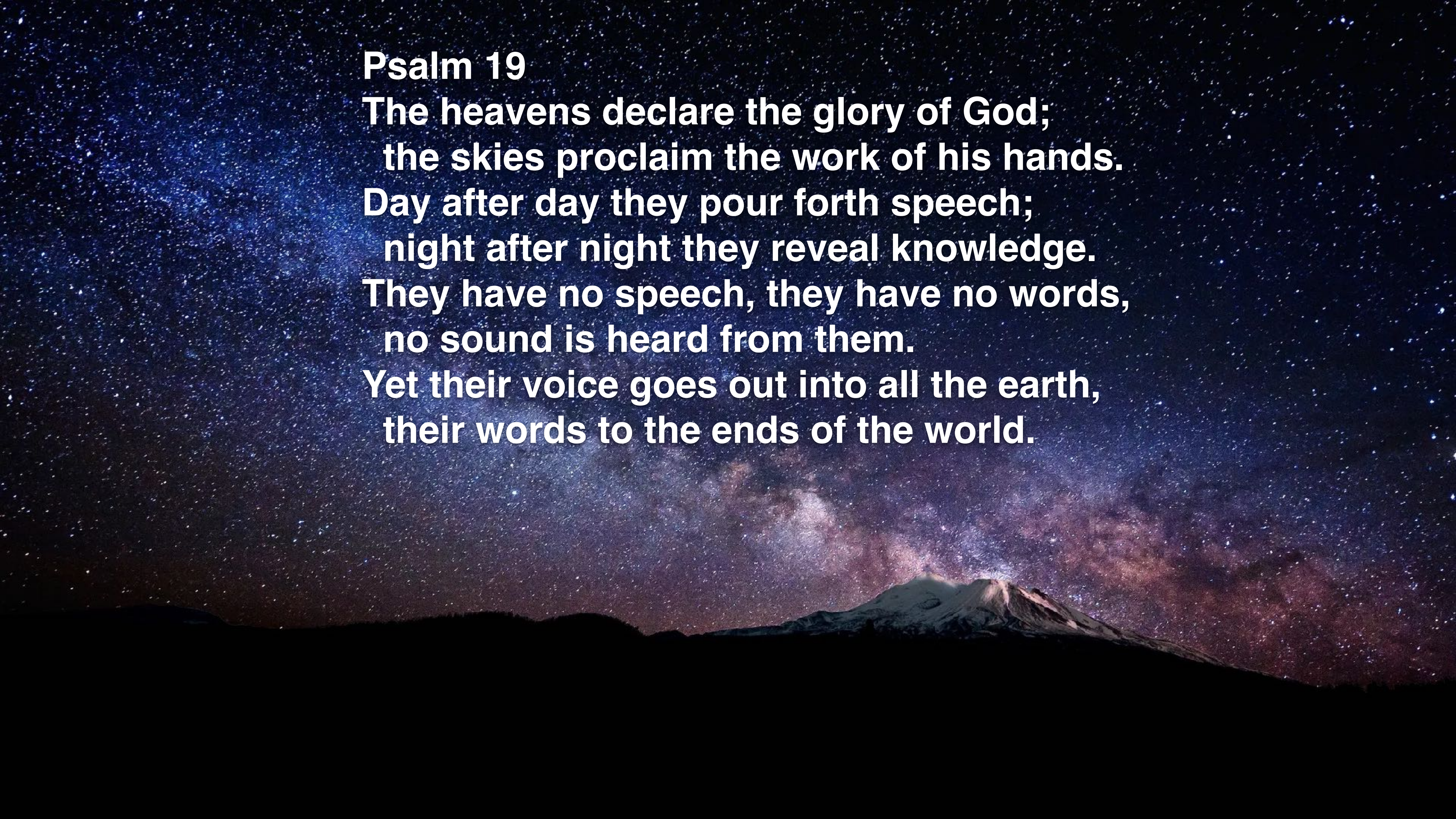
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