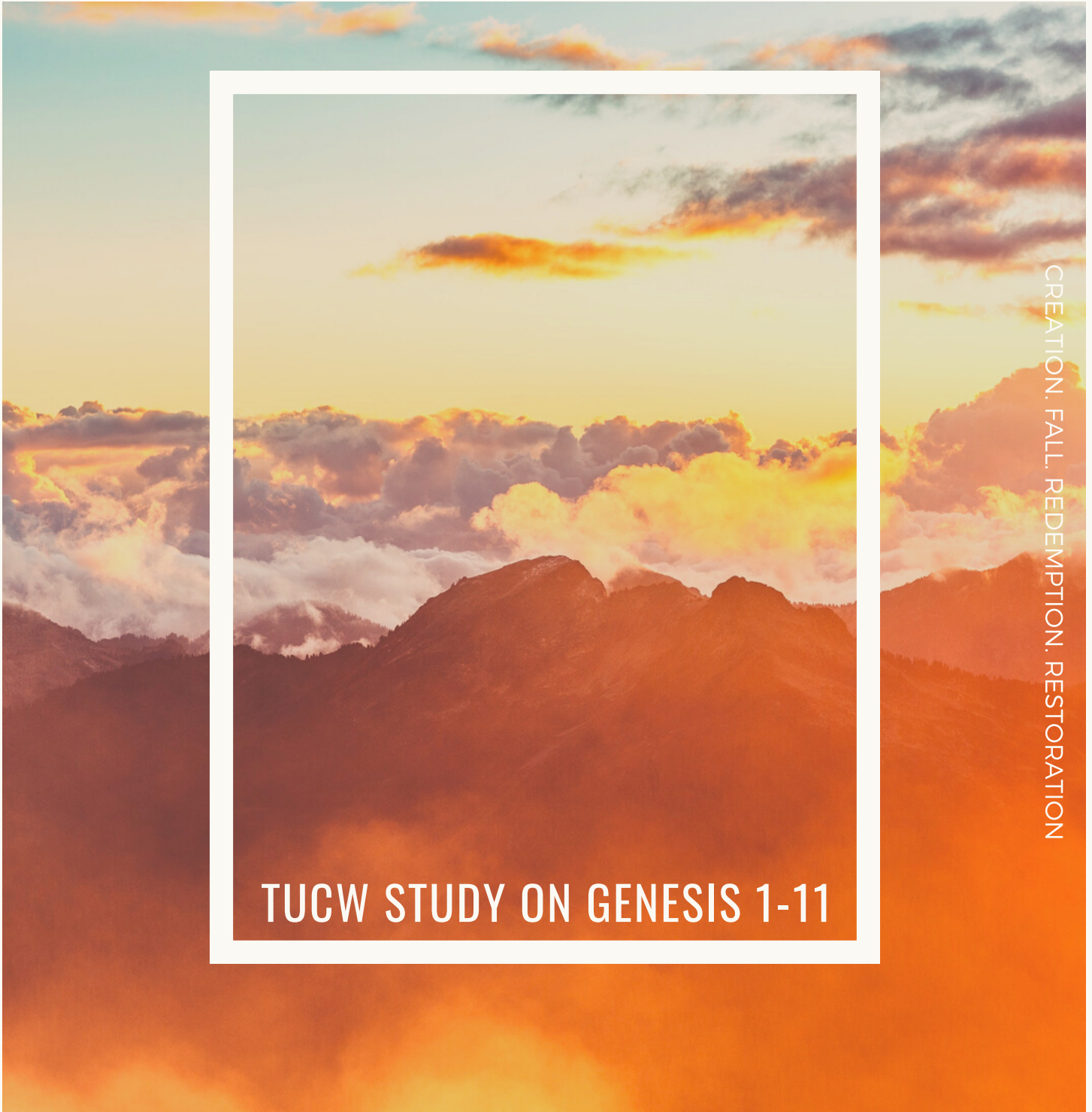


# IN THE BEGINNING

THE STORY OF GOD & THE WORLD



CREATION. FALL. REDEMPTION. RESTORATION

TUCW STUDY ON GENESIS 1-11



**"IN THE BEGINNING  
GOD CREATED THE  
HEAVENS AND THE  
EARTH. NOW THE  
EARTH WAS  
FORMLESS AND  
EMPTY, DARKNESS  
WAS OVER THE  
SURFACE OF THE  
DEEP, AND THE  
SPIRIT OF GOD WAS  
HOVERING OVER THE  
WATERS ."**

*GENESIS 1:1*





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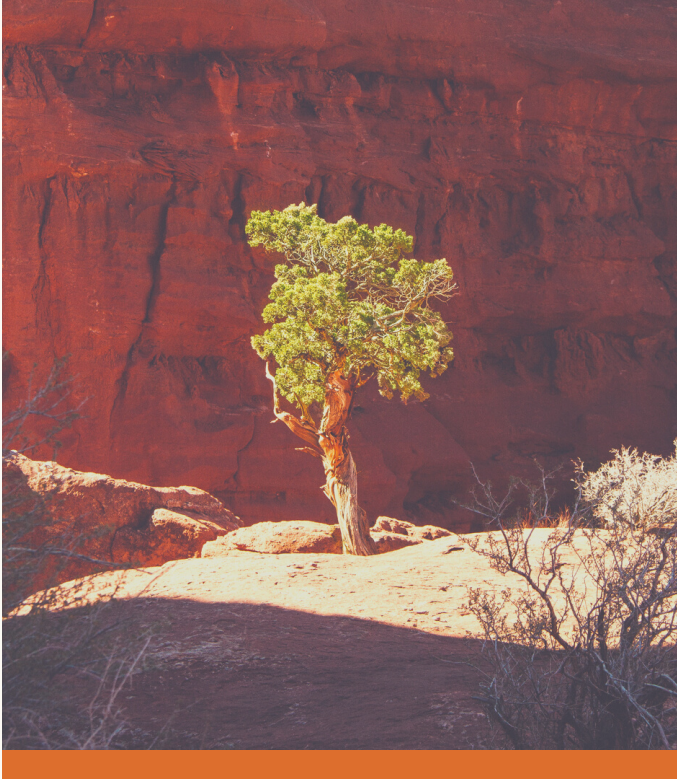
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# LETTER

FROM THE CO-HOSTS

**We love studying the Bible. We come alive when doing so. We both ascribe to the sentiment of Donald S. Whitney in his book, “Spiritual Disciplines of The Christian Life.” He says, “Don’t settle only for spiritual food that’s been “predigested” by others.”**

There is no greater joy for the believer than discovering biblical insights firsthand through your own Bible study. While we love the rich topics and conversations we get to have on the airwaves, our ultimate joy is when you learn to feast on the Word of God for yourselves.

The Book of Genesis is a historical account of what took place in the beginning of creation. One may assume that reading the origin story of “what was” could provide a bit of lackluster. Yet, what we have come to find each day as we sit with women in our homes, local churches, and in our communities is that no conversation cannot be had without addressing some aspect of Genesis.

An old black colloquial says, “If you don’t know where you come, you can’t know where you are going.” This reigns true for us today as urban christians. If we do not know for ourselves the account and story of who we are, where we come from, why we were created and what the culmination of our lives should embody, sis, we will be lost. We will be looking for these answers over and over and it will leave us longing and found wanting.

“In The Beginning” is a 6-week in depth study through our online digital podcast community. Each week, we will journey through approximately two chapters in the Book of Genesis.

We will see who God is in the text, what the story of scripture teaches us about the whole story of scripture, why God created and made his creation, and the implications for us as urban women. Our desire is that you will join us and grow in your faith while doing so. So, what you waiting for? Join us!

XOXO,  
LEAH & TE'SHEBA  
CO-HOSTS  
THE URBAN CHRISTIAN WOMAN PODCAST

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Follow alongside this guide The Urban Christian Woman's podcast week-to-week as we traverse through Genesis 1-11.

## **TOOLS:**

Prayer, pen/pencil & highlighter, Bible, dictionary, The Urban Christian Woman Podcast, a TUCW Companion Study Guide, a notebook to journal your thoughts, and internet for cross-referencing.

## **PRINTING:**

In the guide everything is documented once for easy accessibility. We recommend that you print the guide once in its entirety. Feel free to reprint these as many times as needed to get you or a friend through the entire Book of Genesis. There are 11 chapters that will be covered, so we recommend printing the Look, Listen, and Live (6 times).

Each podcast in our series "In The Beginning" features two chapters each with the exception of Noah's Narrative, chapters 7-9(3). We've designed the Companion Guide so that you can walk through the chapters side-by-side. See the layout example on the following pages.





THEMES

**CREATION  
FALL  
REDEMPTION  
RESTORATION**



# Metanarrative of Scripture: "The Stories Within THE STORY"

## THE 4 MAJOR THEMES OF THE BIBLE: CREATION, FALL, REDEMPTION, AND RESTORATION

**CREATION:** God created time and the universe by His power, turning nothing into something (ex-nihilo). The world was made for human flourishing, there we could live in joy in the presence of our Maker, worshiping God by loving Him and one another forever.

**FALL:** Adam and Eve rejected God's rule over them. We refer to their rebellious choice as "the fall," and because they represented all of humanity, their action affects us too. We have-- through our attitudes and actions-- declared ourselves to be God's enemies. This rebellion results in physical and spiritual death.

**REDEMPTION:** The Old Testament is the story of God's plan to bring redemption of man. Thankfully the loving Creator who rightly shows Himself to be wrathful toward our sin is determined to turn evil and suffering we have caused into good that will be to His ultimate glory. So the next movement shows God implementing a master plan for redeeming His world and rescuing fallen sinners. In the Person of Jesus Christ, God Himself comes to renew the world and restore His people. The grand narrative of Scripture climaxes with the death and resurrection of Jesus.

**RESTORATION:** God has promised to renew the whole world, and the Bible gives us a peak into this glorious future. The restoration of all things will take place in two ways. Christ will return to judge sin and evil, and He will usher in righteousness and peace. God will purge this world of evil once and for all.

# GENESIS



"IN THE BEGINNING": THE STORY OF GOD & THE WORLD

**WEEK:**

**READING:**

1. **LOOK** (OBSERVATION: WHAT DO I SEE?)

WHO ARE THE KEY PLAYERS?

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE TEXT:

WHEN IS IT TAKING PLACE?

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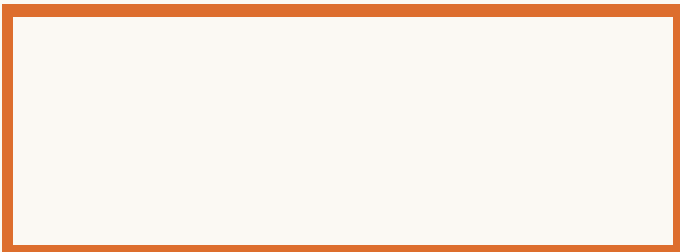
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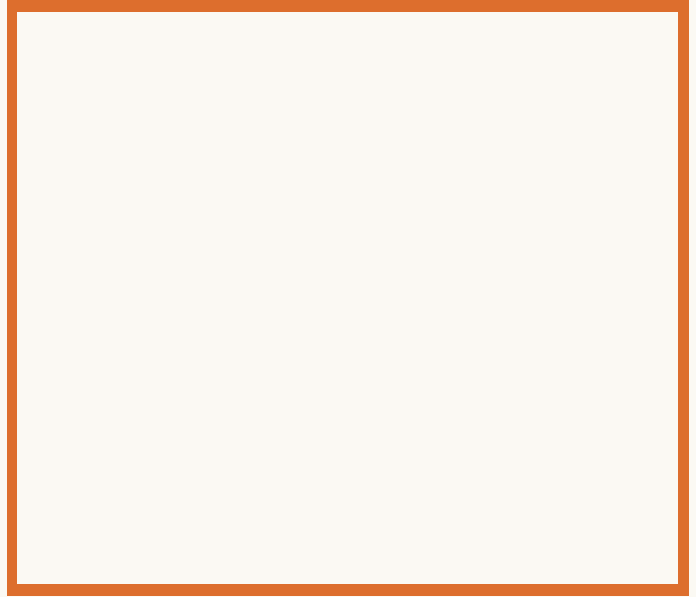


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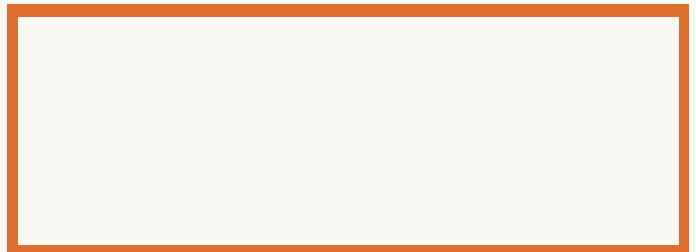
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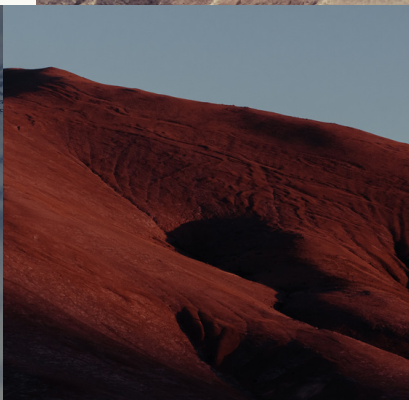


PEOPLE + PLACES:



“THE REST OF  
THE BIBLE IS  
DEPENDENT ON  
THE HISTORY  
AND THE  
THEOLOGY OF  
GENESIS.”

TONY EVANS



**WEEK:**

**READING:**

# GENESIS

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. LISTEN (INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?)

What attributes of God is revealed in the text: \_\_\_\_\_

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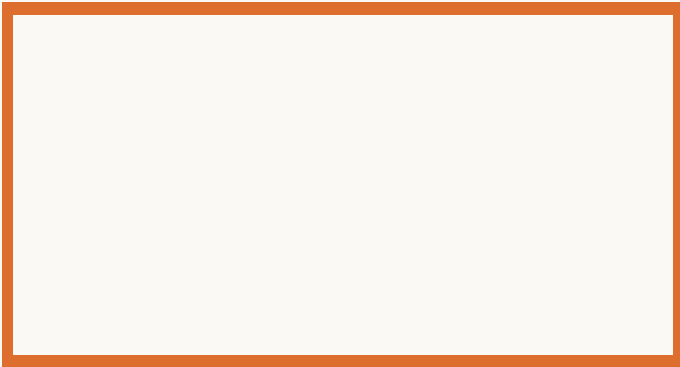
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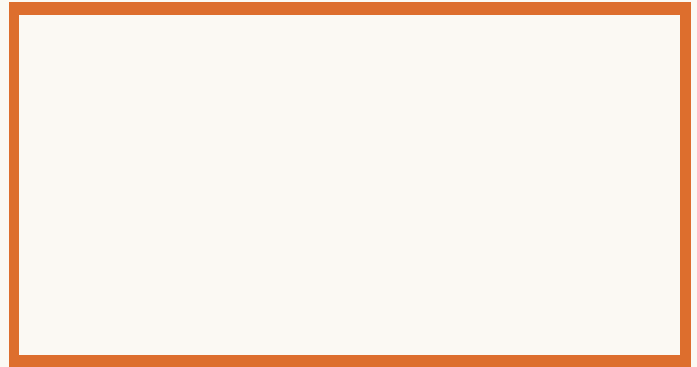
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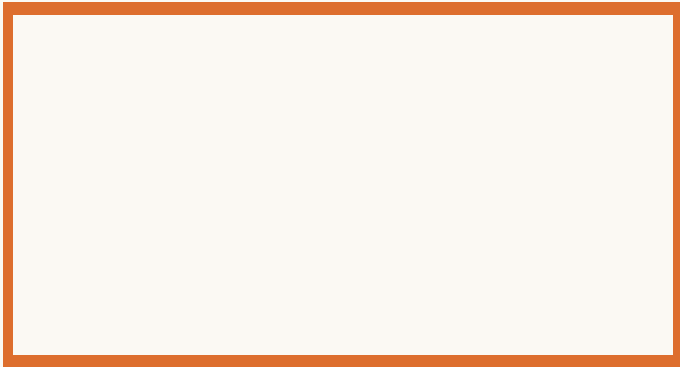
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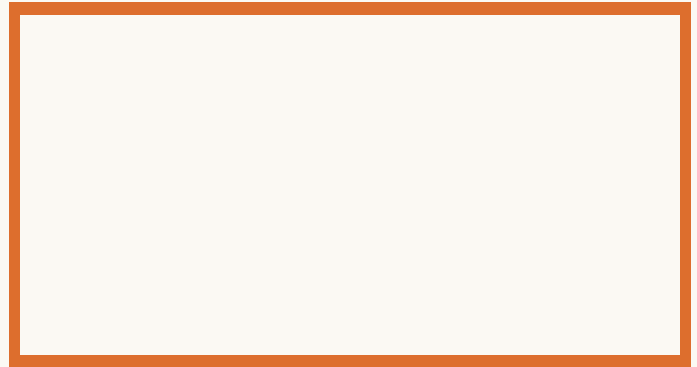
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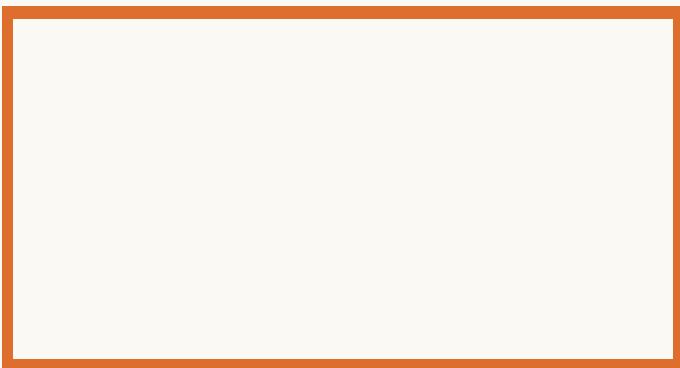
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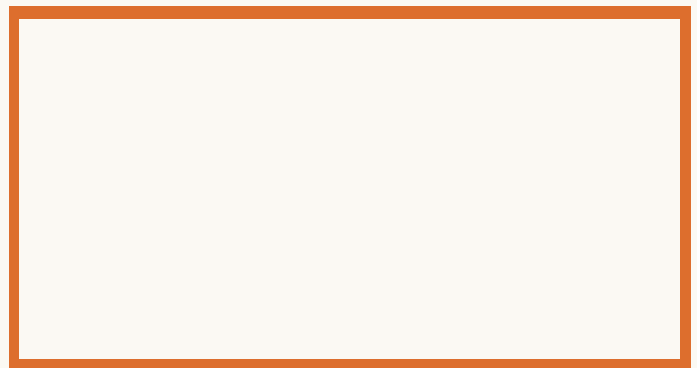
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THEN GOD  
SAID, "LET US  
MAKE MAN IN  
OUR IMAGE,  
ACCORDING  
TO OUR  
LIKENESS"

GENESIS 1:26



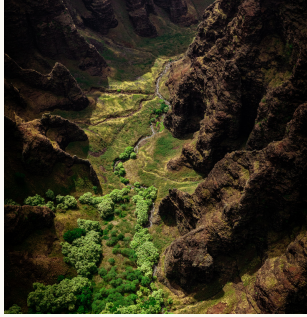
# ATTRIBUTES OF GOD



## ETERNAL

GOD HAS NO BEGINNING AND NO END. HE ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE.

HAB. 1:12/REV. 1:8/IS. 41:4



## FAITHFUL

GOD IS INCAPABLE OF ANYTHING BUT FIDELITY. HE IS LOYAL DEVOTED TO HIS PLAN AND PURPOSE.

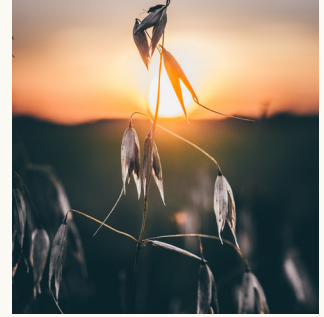
2 TIM. 2:13/ DEUT. 7:9/  
HEB. 10:23



## GLORIOUS

GOD IS ULTIMATELY BEAUTIFUL, DESERVING OF ALL PRAISE AND HONOR.

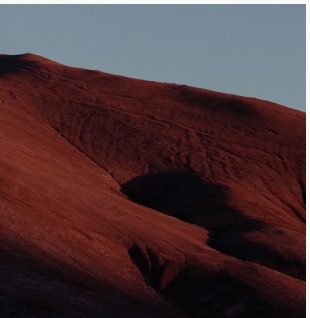
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EX. 40:34-35



## GOOD

GOD IS PURE, THERE IS NO DEFILEMENT IN HIM. HE IS UNABLE TO SIN, AND ALL HE DOES IS GOOD.

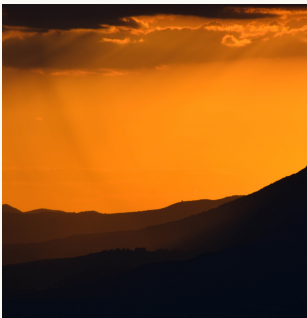
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## GRACIOUS

GOD IS KIND, GIVING TO US GIFTS AND BENEFITS WHICH WE DO NOT DESERVE.

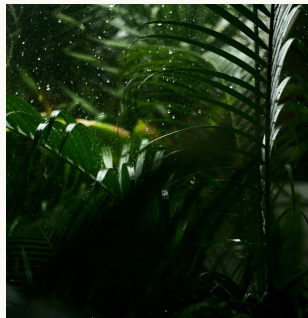
2 KINGS 13:23/ PS. 145:8



## HOLY

GOD IS UNDEFILED AND UNABLE TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF DEFILEMENT. HE IS SACRED AND SET-APART.

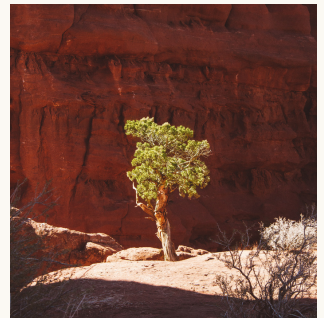
REV. 4:8/ LEV. 19:2



## IMMUTABLE

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE. HE IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW.

1 SAM. 15:29/ ROM. 11:29



## JEALOUS

GOD IS DESIROUS OF RECEIVING THE PRAISE AND AFFECTION HE RIGHTLY DESERVES.

EX. 20:5/ DEUT. 4:23



## JUST

GOD GOVERNS IN PERFECT JUSTICE. HE ACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH JUSTICE. IN HIM THERE IS NO WRONGDOING.

IS. 61:8/ DEUT. 32:4



## LOVE

GOD IS ETERNALLY, ENDURINGLY, STEADFASTLY LOVING AND AFFECTIONATE. HE DOES NOT BETRAY HIS COVENANT OF LOVE.

JN. 3:16/ EPH. 24:5/ 1 JN. 4:16



## MERCIFUL

GOD IS COMPASSIONATE, WITHHOLDING US FROM THE WRATH THAT WE DESERVE.

TITUS 3:5/ PS. 25:10



## OMNIPOTENT

GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL; HIS STRENGTH IS UNLIMITED.

MAT. 19:26/ JOB 42:1-2



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