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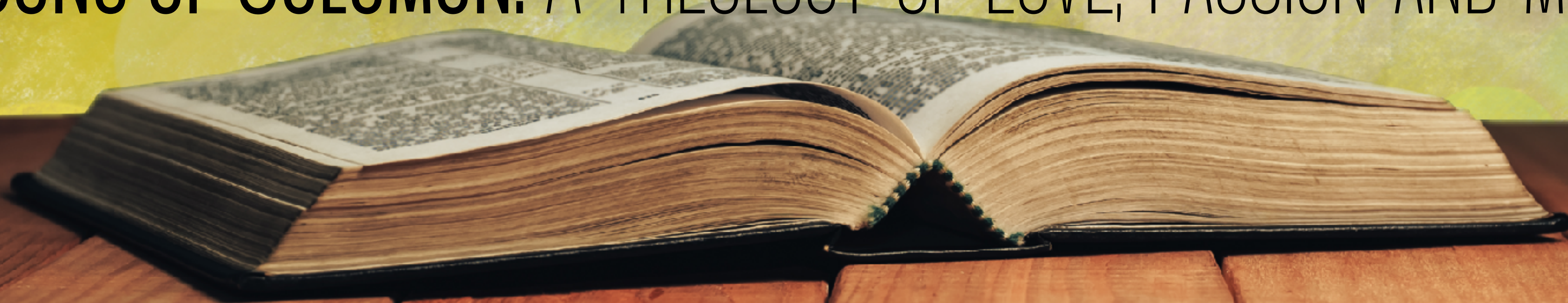
THE POETIC BOOKS

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THE POETIC BOOKS

- **JOB:** A THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY
- **PSALMS:** A THEOLOGY OF WORSHIP, PRAYER AND PRAISE
- **PROVERBS:** A THEOLOGY OF A WELL CRAFTED LIFE
- **ECCLESIASTES:** A THEOLOGY OF THE SEARCH FOR MEANING
- **SONG OF SOLOMON:** A THEOLOGY OF LOVE, PASSION AND MARRIAGE



PSALMS

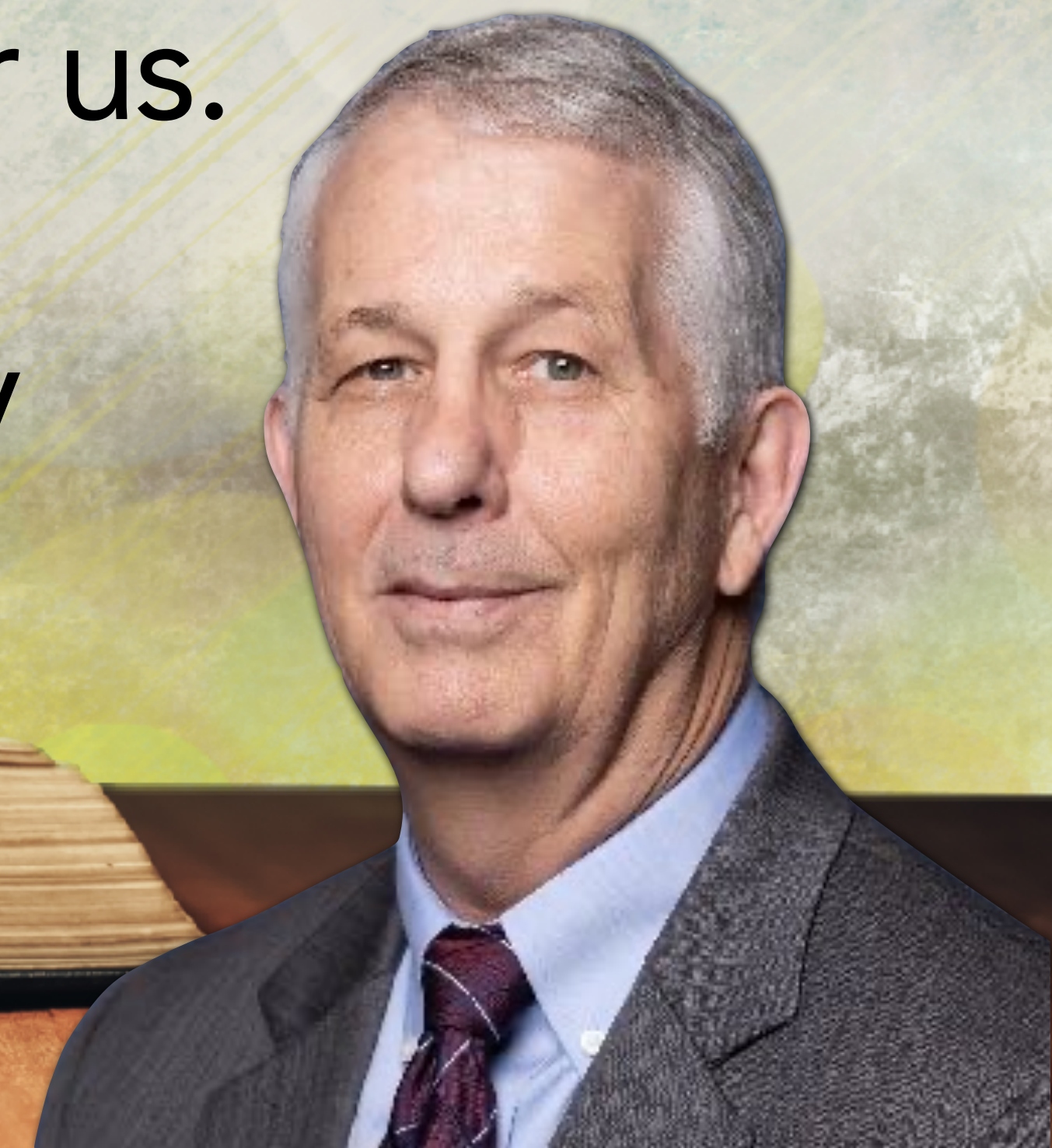
THE SHAPE OF PRAISE



Most people love the book of Psalms, discovering Psalms early in their Christian walk and cherishing these ancient songs throughout their lives. You probably feel the same way, and the reasons are obvious. In the Psalms we find comfort and encouragement when we are discouraged. In the Psalms we find just the right words for praising our Lord and rejoicing over what he has done for us. The psalmist expresses our feelings and our emotions, but somehow he just seems to say it better than we can.



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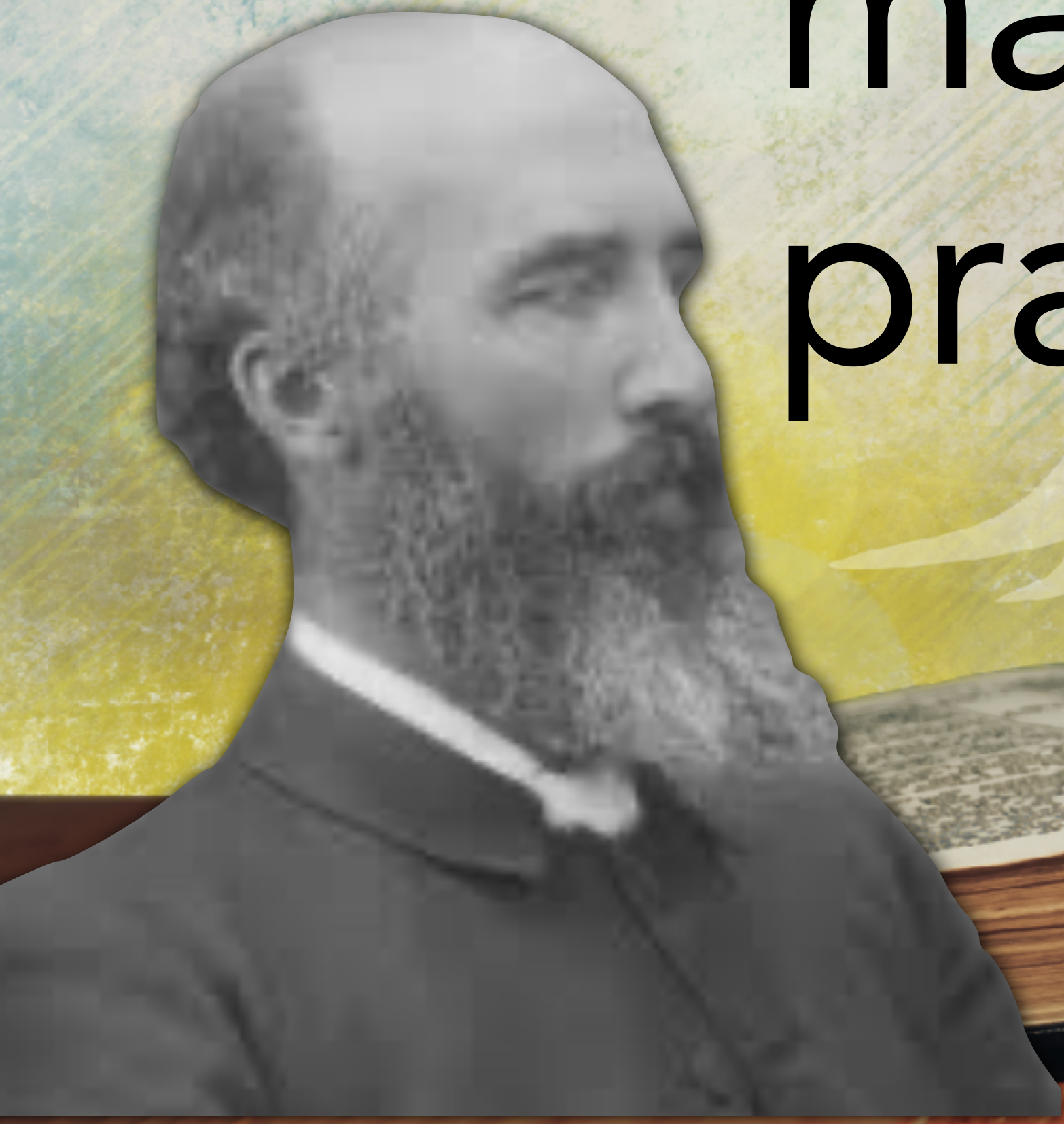


The book of Psalms is God's prescription for a complacent church, because through it he reveals how great, wonderful, magnificent, wise, and utterly awe-inspiring he is!



WILLEM A. VANGEMEREN

From the earliest times the Psalter has been the church's manual of prayer and praise in public worship.

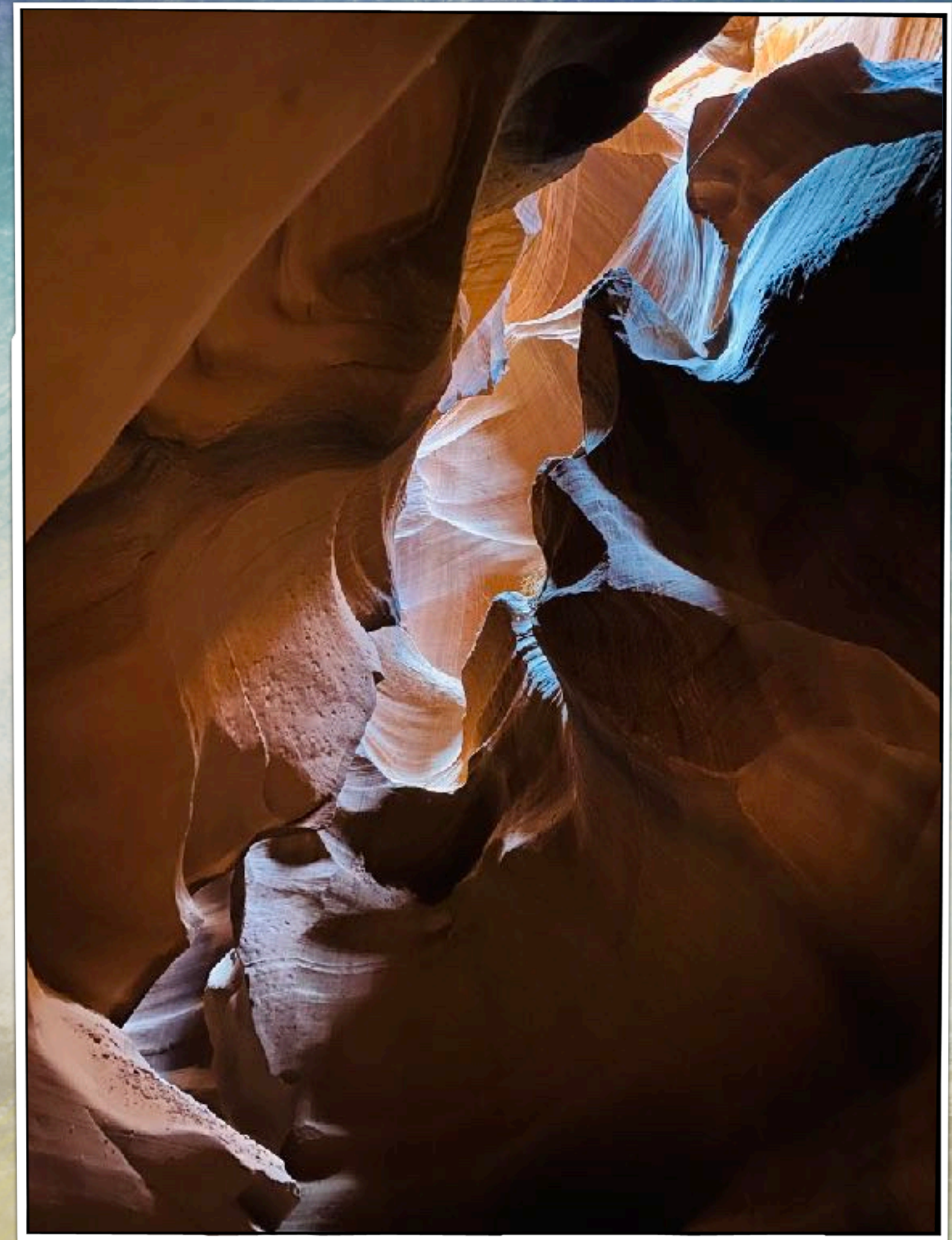
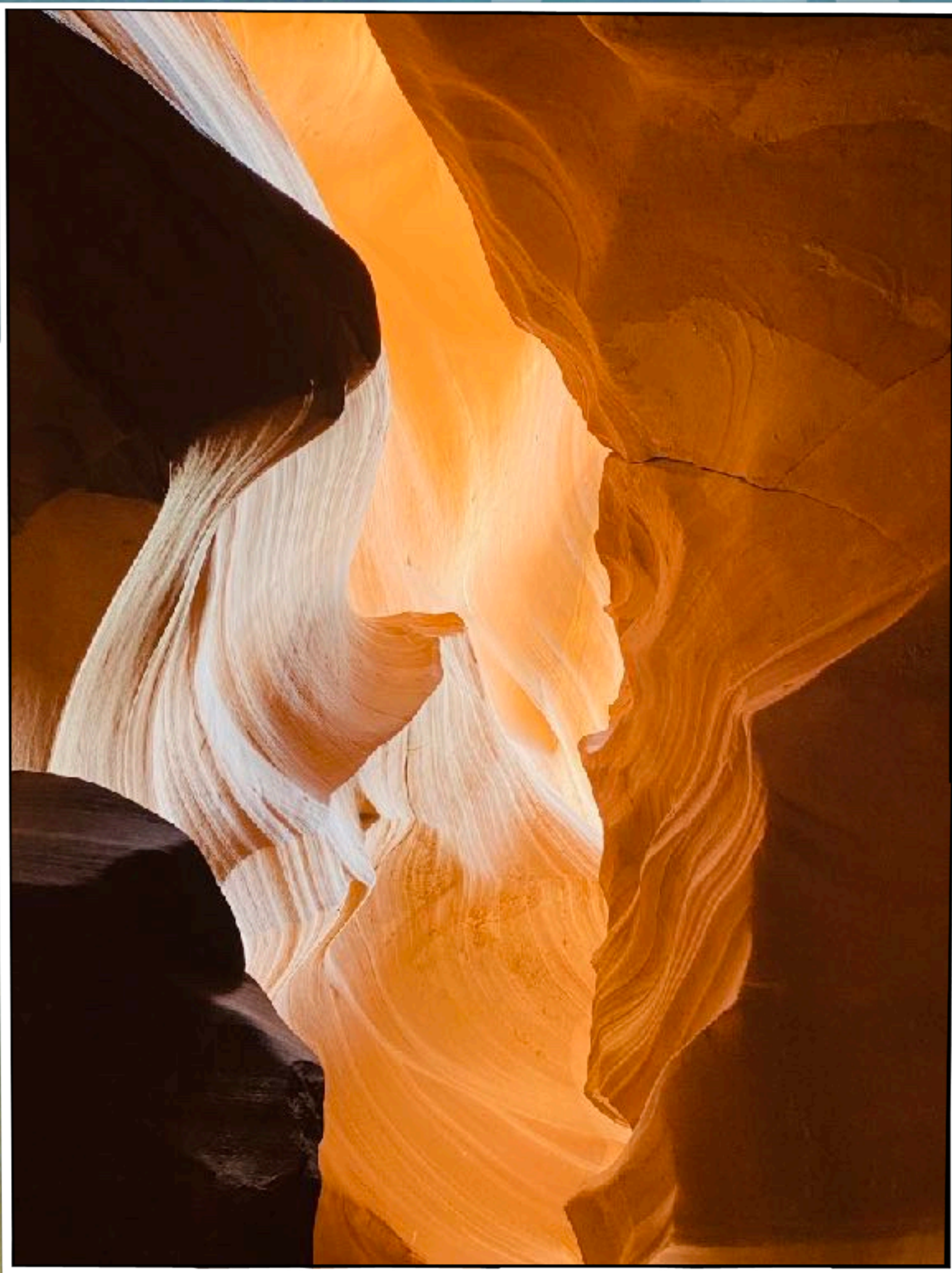


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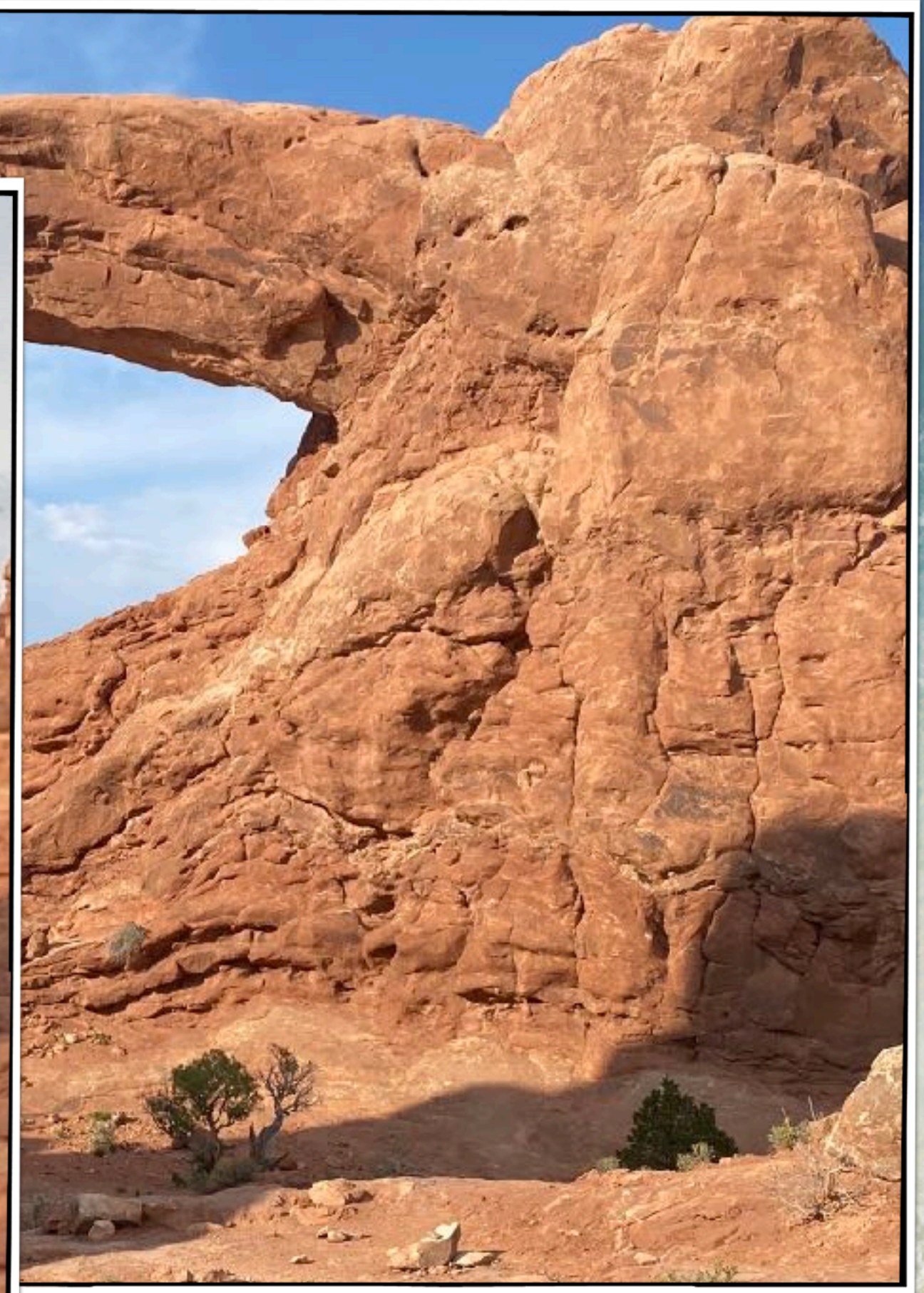
No single book of Scripture, not even of the New Testament, has, perhaps, ever taken such hold on the heart of Christendom.



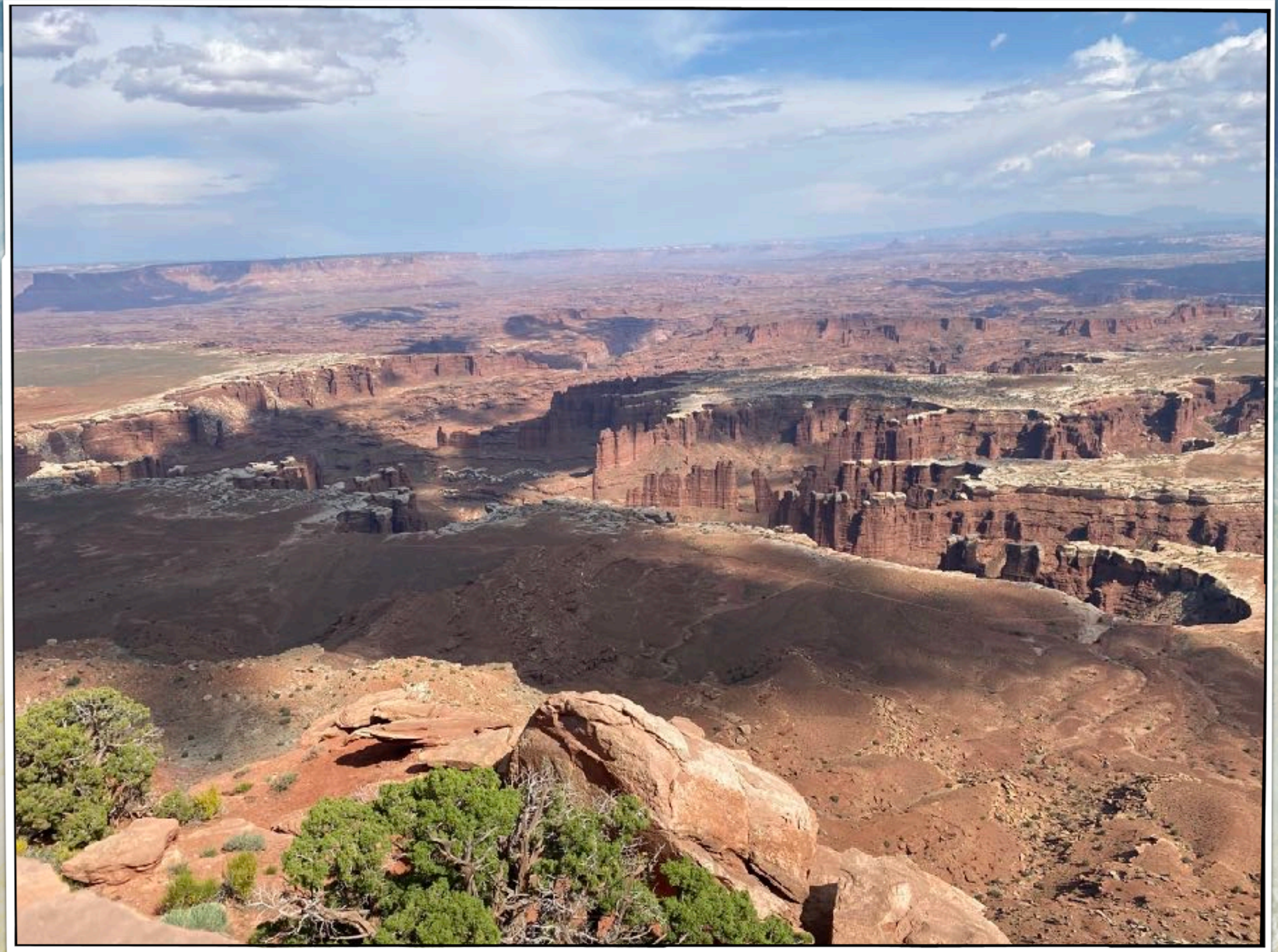
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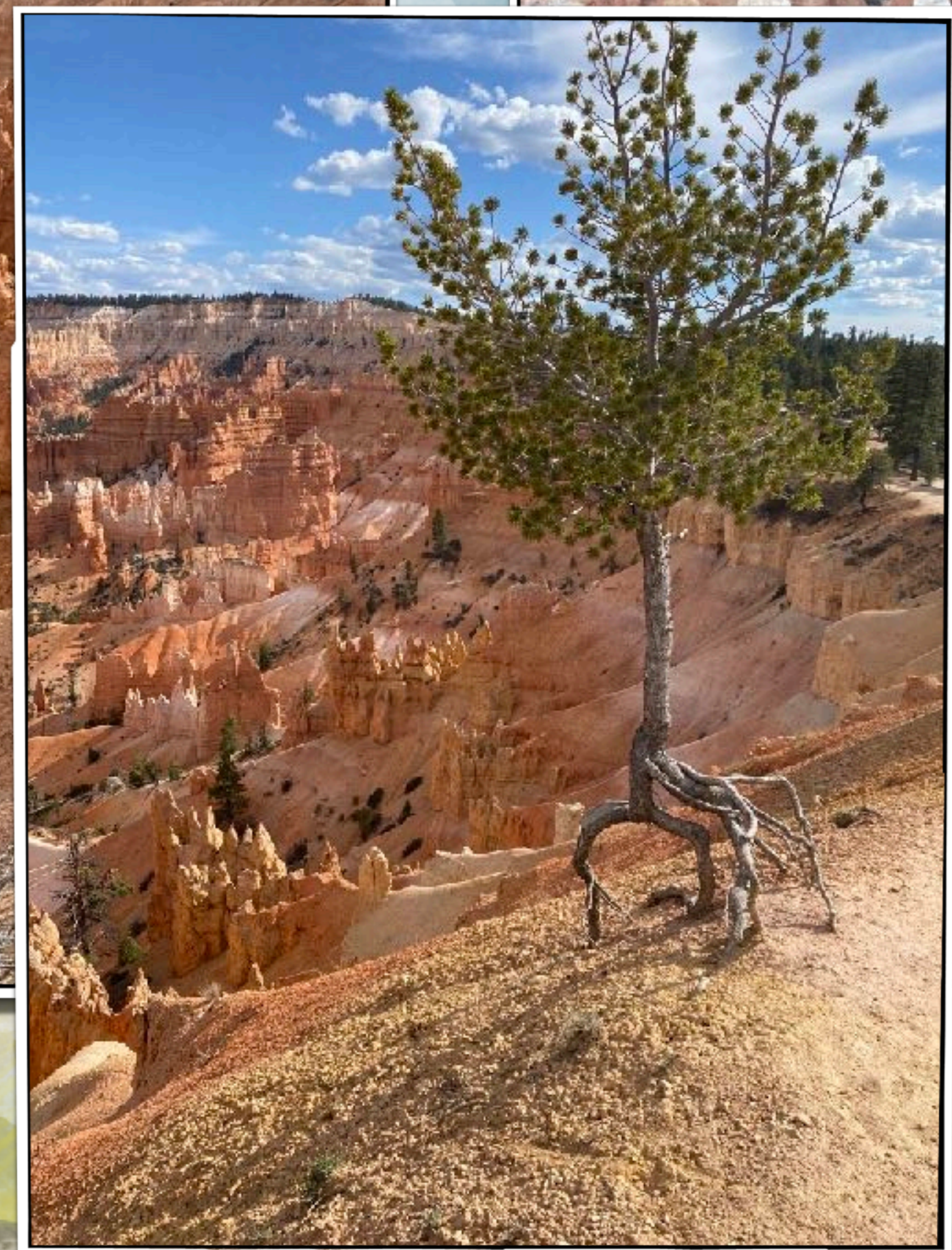
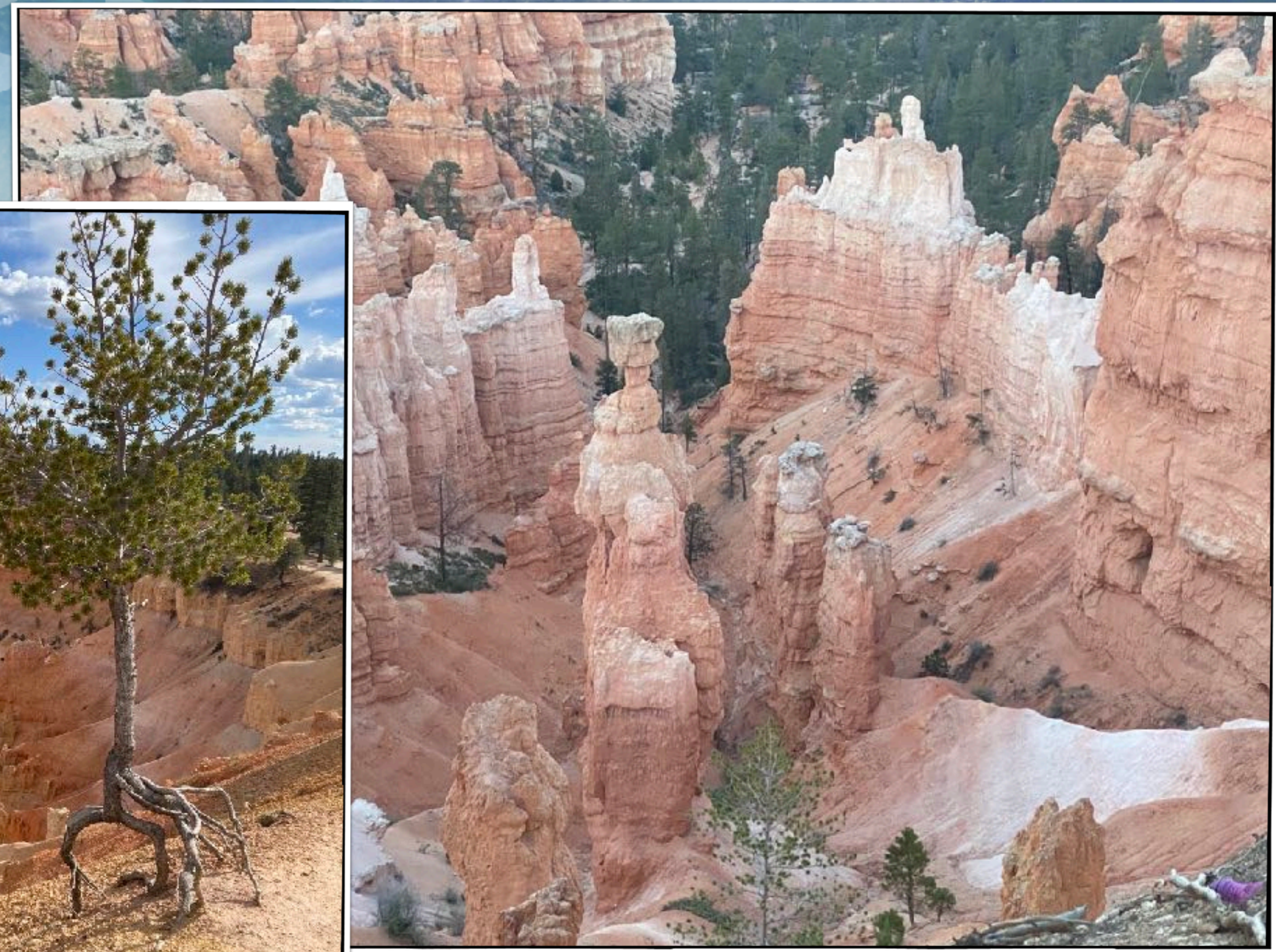
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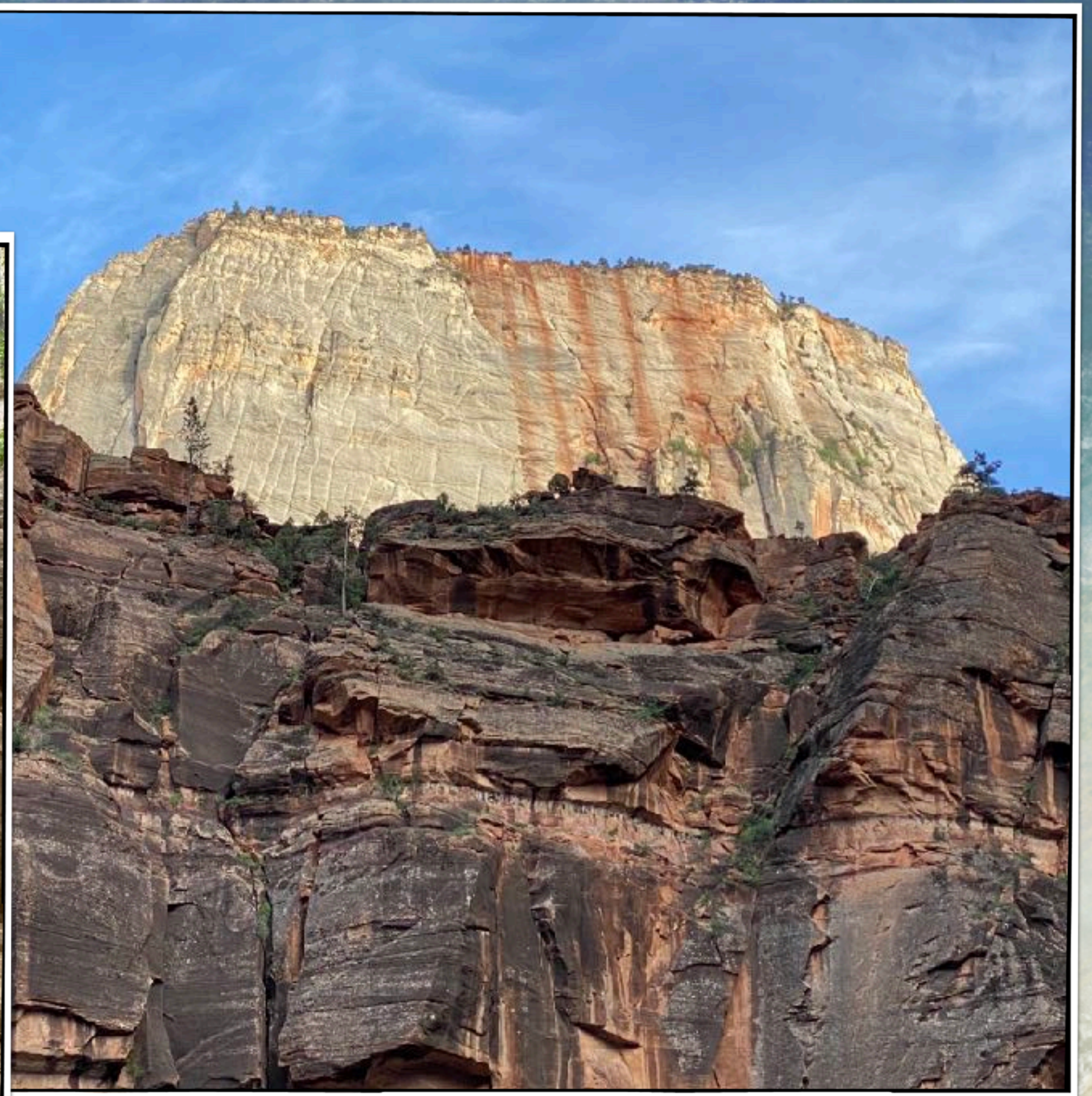
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APPLICATION

- IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IT, IT IS A REMINDER.
- IF YOU HAVE NOT, IT IS A MOTIVATION.
- EITHER WAY, IT IS A GUIDE.



WORSHIP

- SACRIFICE: I ENGAGE WITH WHO I AM (SINNER)
- PRAISE: I ENGAGE WITH WHO GOD IS (AWESOME)



PRAISE

- ENJOYMENT: I EXPERIENCE GOD
- DECLARATION: I SHARE WITH OTHERS



PRAISE

SOMETHING IS NOT FULLY ENJOYED
UNTIL IT IS SHARED WITH ANOTHER.



I THINK WE DELIGHT TO PRAISE WHAT WE ENJOY BECAUSE THE PRAISE NOT MERELY EXPRESSES BUT COMPLETES THE ENJOYMENT; IT IS ITS APPOINTED CONSUMMATION. IT IS NOT OUT OF COMPLIMENT THAT LOVERS KEEP ON TELLING ONE ANOTHER HOW BEAUTIFUL THEY ARE; THE DELIGHT IS INCOMPLETE TILL IT IS EXPRESSED.

C.S. LEWIS



IT IS FRUSTRATING TO HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW AUTHOR AND NOT TO BE ABLE TO TELL ANYONE HOW GOOD HE IS; TO COME SUDDENLY, AT THE TURN OF THE ROAD, UPON SOME MOUNTAIN VALLEY OF UNEXPECTED GRANDEUR AND THEN TO HAVE TO KEEP SILENT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WITH YOU CARE FOR IT NO MORE THAN FOR A TIN CAN IN THE DITCH; TO HEAR A GOOD JOKE AND FIND NO ONE TO SHARE IT WITH....

C.S. LEWIS



THE SCOTCH CATECHISM SAYS THAT MAN'S CHIEF END IS 'TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER.'
BUT WE SHALL THEN KNOW THAT THESE ARE THE SAME THING. FULLY TO ENJOY IS TO GLORIFY.
IN COMMANDING US TO GLORIFY HIM,
GOD IS INVITING US TO ENJOY HIM.



C.S. LEWIS



PRAISE

DEFINITION:

MAKING GOD THE SUBJECT OF YOUR SENTENCE.



CONTEXT: WHO, WHEN, WHERE, AND WHY?



WHO COMPOSED THE PSALMS?

INDIVIDUALS , SOME OF WHOM WE KNOW (DAVID, MOSES, SOLOMON, ASAPH, SONS OF KORAH) COMPOSED A PSALM TO BE USED AT THE TABERNACLE/TEMPLE DURING THEIR WORSHIP. SOME WERE USED REPEATEDLY AND KEPT AT THE SANCTUARY.



WHO WROTE THE PSALMS?

AUTHOR	PSALMS
MOSES	73 TOTAL (mostly in Book 1-2)
SONS OF KORAH	42-49, 84-88
ASAPH	50, 73-83
SOLOMON	72, 127
HEMAN	88
ETHAN	89
MOSES	90



Jewish Holy Calendar: Leviticus 23



Spring

Barley Harvest

March/April

Unleavened Bread

Nissan 15-22

Passover **First Fruits**

Nissan 14

Nissan 17

Summer

Wheat Harvest

May/June

Pentecost

Sivan 7

Fall

Fruit Harvest

Sept/Oct

Trumpets

Tishri 1

Booths

Tishri 15-22

Atonement

Tishri 10

Resurrection

of Christ

1 Cor. 15:20-23

Death of Christ

1 Cor. 5:7

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WHO COMPILED THE PSALMS?

At some point the individual psalms were gathered into five collections. These were eventually shaped into the present form with a two Psalm introduction highlighting important themes and a five Psalm conclusion was added calling the whole creation to praise Yahweh.





150 Hebrew Poems

- DAVID (73)
- HEMAN & ETHAN (2)
- ASAPH (12)
- SOLOMON & MOSES (3)
- SONS OF KORAH (11)
- ANONYMOUS (49)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR...

...BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

(SEE 1 CHRONICLES 25 & NEHEMIAH 17:22-23)



PSALMS

Torah & Messiah

Lament & Praise

Faith & Hope



HOW LONG, O LORD?

LAMENT

- PRAYERS OF PAIN, CONFUSION & ANGER
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S WRONG IN THE WORLD
- ASK GOD TO DO SOMETHING

PRAISE

- PRAYERS OF JOY & CELEBRATION
- DRAW ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOOD IN THE WORLD
- RETELL THE STORY & THANK GOD



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

LAMENT & PRAISE

PRAISE & LAMENT

BOOK 1

3-41

BOOK 2

42-72

BOOK 3

73-89

BOOK 4

90-106

BOOK 5

107-145

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH



TORAH TEACHING 5 BOOKS OF MOSES

PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT MESSIAH

CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE AND ELEVATION AS KING

PSALM 19 TORAH

FUTURE KING'S DELIVERANCE AND KINGDOM OVER THE NATIONS

CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

POETIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KING

THE NATIONS

HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION



HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION

FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING



ECHOS THE PROPHETS: ISAIAH 11, 45, & 60; ZECHARIAH 9

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (PS 72:17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM

EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM



DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE

90

MOSES



HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!

THE LORD REIGNS AS KING

"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS & RIVERS SING"



106:18

107-110

THE MESSIANIC KING

DEFEATS EVIL & BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM



THE HALLEL

MESSIANIC KINGDOM

SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

PSALM 119 TORAH

"GOD HAS RAISED UP A HORN FOR HIS PEOPLE" (119:1)



SEE 1 SAM 2:10 & 132:17

THE SONGS OF ASCENTS

MESSIANIC KINGDOM

HALLELU - YAH PRAISE + YAHWEH

HALLELU - YAH 146

HALLELU - YAH 147

HALLELU - YAH 148

HALLELU - YAH 149

HALLELU - YAH 150

PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TORAH, AND WAITING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN



WHEN WERE THE PSALMS ASSEMBLED?

The oldest Psalm (Ps. 90) was written by Moses (circa 1446) and the latest Psalm (Ps. 126) written after the return from Exile (circa 538).



WHY DO WE HAVE THE PSALMS?

THE PSALMS CONTAIN THE INSPIRED COLLECTION OF ISRAEL'S PRAISES AND PRAYERS THAT REFLECT THEIR EXPERIENCE WALKING WITH GOD AS HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE AS WELL AS PROVIDING A GUIDE FOR BELIEVERS OF ALL TIME TO ENGAGE THEIR HEART WITH THE HEART OF YAHWEH.



While the Psalms do inevitably address doctrine and moral behavior, their primary purpose is not focused on teaching doctrine and moral behavior. Their primary purpose is to give us divinely inspired models or patterns of how to pray to God, how to praise God, and how to meditate on God, in response to all God has done for us. Thus it is important to remember that most of the Psalms are addressed to God, not to us. They enable us to express to God our deepest emotions and needs, especially in the crisis times of life.



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CONTENT: HOW AND WHAT



HOW ARE THE PSALMS ORGANIZED?

-Introductory Psalms

- *Align with the Torah (Psalm 1)*
- *Submit to the King (Psalm 2)*

-**Book 1** (Psalms 1-41)

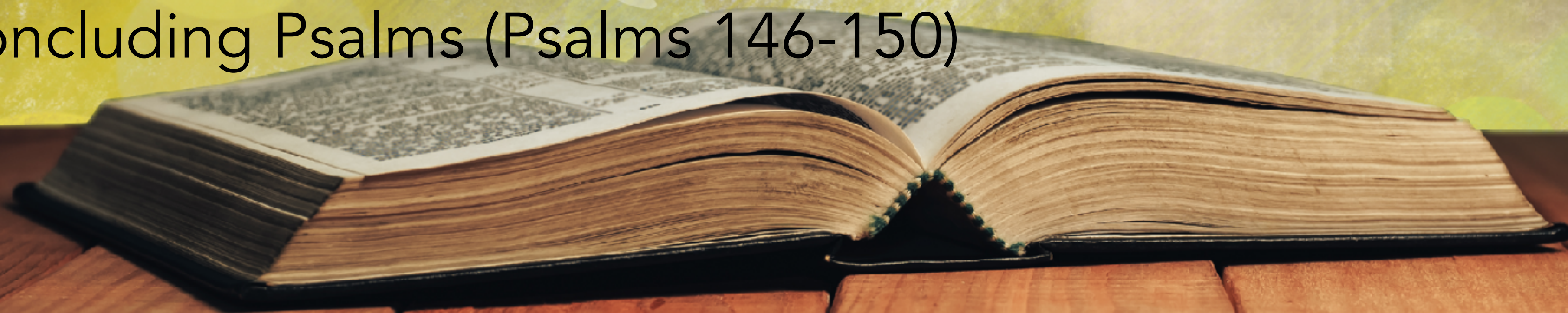
-**Book 2** (Psalms 42-72)

-**Book 3** (Psalms 73-89)

-**Book 4** (Psalms 90-106)

-**Book 5** (Psalms 107-145)

-Concluding Psalms (Psalms 146-150)



Hebrew Poetry

The idea of Hebrew poetry is **not** rhyming word sounds (although there is some sense of rhythm and they were sung/chanted). The core idea of Hebrew Poetry is **parallelism** which is quite simply the rhyming of ideas or thoughts.



The Shapes of the Psalms

Psalms tend to be focused on either lament/complaint or praise/celebration.

The breakdown is roughly 50/50.

(Application: God can handle and expects you to share your complaints with Him). It is a part of praising Him.



The Shapes of the Psalms

There are essentially three types of psalms:

Descriptive Praise

Lament

Declarative Praise



Descriptive Praise

Praising God For Who He Is

Call to praise

- Hallelujah
- Invitation

Cause for Praise

- God's Greatness
- God's Grace
- Specific Illustration

[Declarative praise]

Conclusion

- Renewed call to praise
- Hallelujah

Individual or Communal

LIFE
IS GOOD,
BECAUSE
GOD IS
GREAT!

Orientation

- **CREATOR**
- **REDEEMER**

**The Character
of God**



Lament

I Don't See God So I Cry Out and Trust

Introduction

- Address
- Cry for Help
- Report of the Past

Complaint

- They
- I/We
- You

Confession of Trust

- (Descriptive Praise)
- (Declarative Praise)

Prayer

- Hear
- Save
- Punish
- Because...

Vow of Praise

Disorientation

Individual or Communal



Open

Heard

•Complaint

•Trust

The Absence
of God



Descriptive Praise

Praising God For What He Has Done

Intention to praise God
Summary of praise
Reflection on Past Deed
 Report of deliverance
 I cried
 He heard
 He delivered



Renewed vow of praise

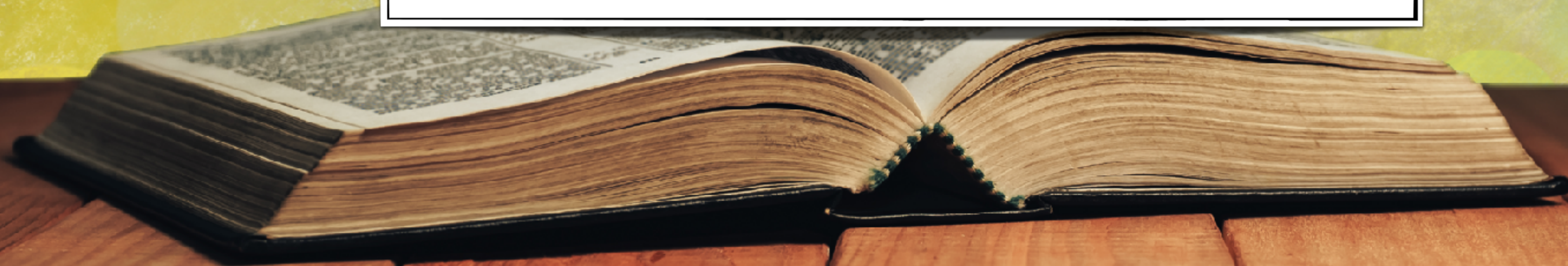
[Descriptive praise]

Individual or Communal

Reorientation

- REDEMPTION
- PROTECTION
- DELIVERANCE
- JUSTICE

*The Work
of God*



Psalm The Shape of Praise



DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE

“I praise God for Who He is.”

- Call to praise
- Hallelujah
 - Invitation

LIFE IS GOOD, BECAUSE GOD IS GREAT!

- Cause for Praise
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 - Specific Illustration

[Declarative praise]

- Conclusion
- Renewed call to praise
 - Hallelujah

The Character of God

Individual or Communal

Orientation

LAMENT

“I don’t see God, so I cry out and trust.”

Introduction

- Address
- Cry for Help
- Report of the Past

Complaint

- They
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Confession of Trust

- (Descriptive Praise)
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Vow of Praise

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Disorientation



DECLARATIVE PRAISE

“I praise God for what He has done.”

- Intention to praise God
Summary of praise
Reflection on Past Deed
Report of deliverance

- I cried
- He heard
- He delivered

Renewed vow of praise

[Descriptive praise]

**THANKFUL
Grateful
BLESSED**

The Work of God

Individual or Communal

Reorientation

Acrostic Poems: 9-10, 25, 34, 37, 111-112, 119, 145

Pilgrim Psalms: 15, 24, 42, 43, 50, 78, 91, 95, 100, 120-134 (Ascent)

Creation Psalms: 8, 19, 29, 104, 148

Penitential Psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 142

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Psalm The Shape of Praise



DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE

LAMENT

DECLARATIVE PRAISE

DIDACTIC PSALMS

Hymns	Kingship Songs	Zion Songs	Royal Songs
			2
8			
19			18 20 21
29	24		
33			
	47	46? 48	45
	68		72
78		81 84	
		87	
100	93	91	89
104	96	95	
105	97		101
111	98		110
113	99		
114			
117			
135		122	
136	132		
145-150			144

Lament Proper		Song of Trust	
Individual	Communal	Individual	Communal
5			
7			
	9		
14	10	11	
17	13	16	
	22		
25	27	23	
26	28	(27)	
	31		
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108	102	90	
109		94	
		106	
120		115	115?
		123	
130		126	
		137	131
139			125 129?
140			
141			
142			138
143			
Open	Heard		

Individual Thanksgiving	Communal Thanksgiving
9	
(18)	
(21)	
23	
30	
32	
34	
40	
41	
52?	46? 48
63	65
66	66 67
	75? 76
92	
103	
107	
116	
118	
121	124
138	129
139	

Wisdom Psalms	Torah Psalms	Other Psalms
1		
	15 19	
36? 37		
49		
		50 51
73		
78		
112		
127 128	119	
133		
139?	134	

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Historical Notations: •Psalm 59 – 1 Samuel 19:11 •Psalm 56 – 1 Samuel 21:10-15 •Psalm 34 – 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2 •Psalm 54 – 1 Samuel 23:15-23
 •Psalm 57 & 142 – 1 Samuel 22:1-2 or 24 •Psalm 60 – 2 Samuel 8:8, 13 •Psalm 51 – 2 Samuel 11-12 •Psalm 3 – 2 Samuel 15-18 •Psalm 63 – 2 Samuel 15:23

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE?

Regardless of the circumstances of life, God is interested in you and wants to hear from you about your experience. When life is not as we want it to be, we talk to God about it because we are in relationship with Him. When life is good we praise Him and when He answers we praise Him.



The book of Psalms was the hymnal of ancient Israel. This compilation of 150 songs reveals how the people of Israel turn to Yahweh in the full range of their life experiences. From tearful laments to jubilant shouts of praise, the songs reflect the emotions of Old Testament believers as they approached Yahweh. For the people of God of every age, the psalms serve as prompts and as patterns in drawing near to him.



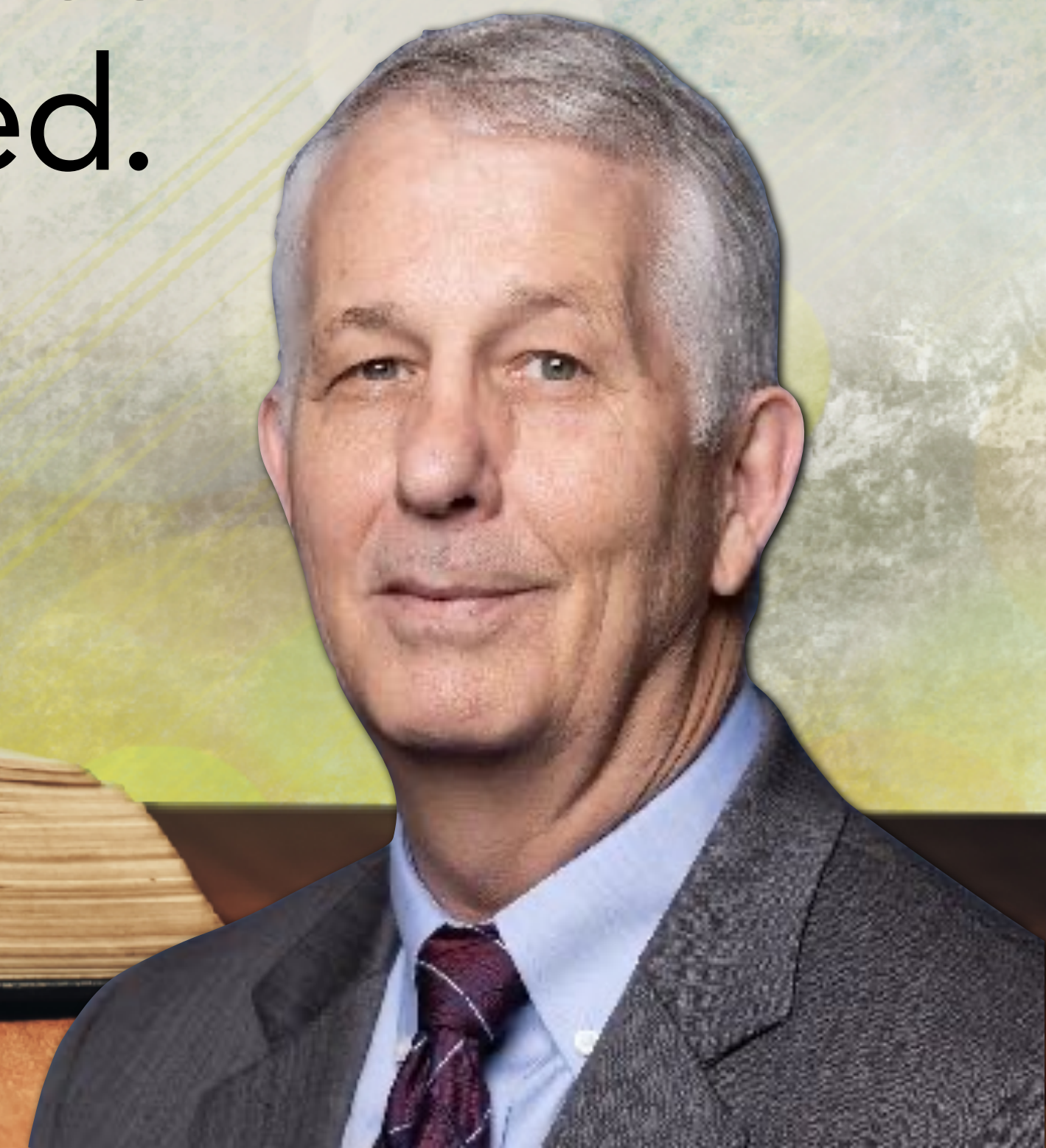
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So whether we are happy and rejoicing in the Lord, or struggling in despair and doubt, the Psalms enable us to talk to God about it. Usually after meditating on one of the psalms and praying to God with the psalm, we find ourselves encouraged, uplifted, and strengthened. What a wonderful and powerful collection of songs this book is!



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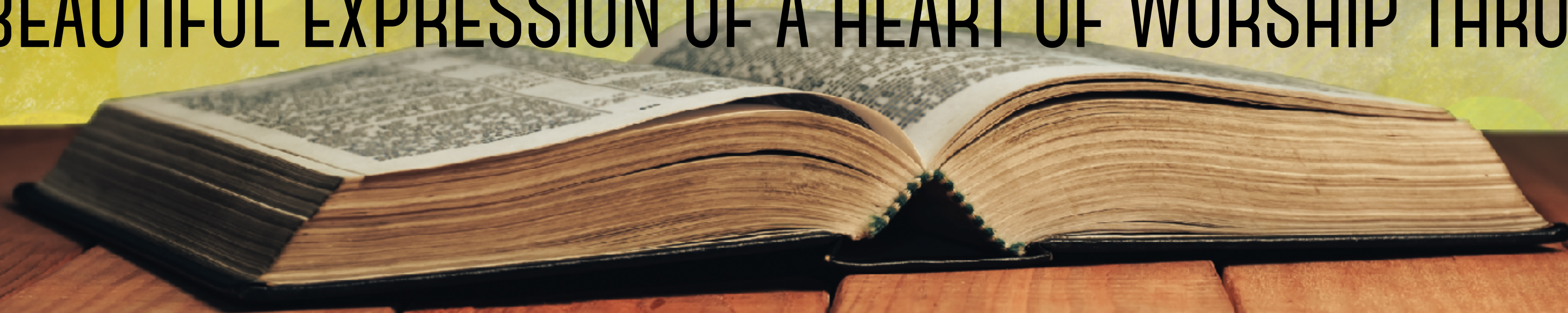


CONVICTION: SO WHAT?



WHERE DOES THIS FIT?

- THE HYMNBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE TEACHING US HOW TO PRAISE GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.
- A SOULFUL/EMOTIONAL CONNECTION OF OUR LIFE TO THE HEART OF GOD.
- A BEAUTIFUL EXPRESSION OF A HEART OF WORSHIP THROUGHOUT LIFE.



WHAT SHOULD WE BELIEVE?

- GOD IS GREAT AND GOD IS GOOD.
- GOD IS ACTIVE IN OUR LIVES AS HE HAS BEEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY.
- GOD CAN HANDLE OUR HEART WHEN WE CRY “OUT OF THE DEPTHS”.



HOW SHOULD WE BEHAVE?

- **DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE:** PRAISE GOD FOR WHO HE IS.
- **DECLARATIVE PRAISE:** PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE.
- **LAMENT:** PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HE WILL DO EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE IT.



NEXT STEPS:

- ORIENT YOURSELF TO WHO GOD IS WITH DESCRIPTIVE PRAISE.
- HONESTLY BRING YOUR HEART TO GOD WITH OPEN HANDS WITH PROPER LAMENT.
- REORIENT YOURSELF TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE WITH DECLARATIVE PRAISE.



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