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## Psalm 19:2

"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim **the work of his hands**.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.  
They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them. Yet their  
voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world."

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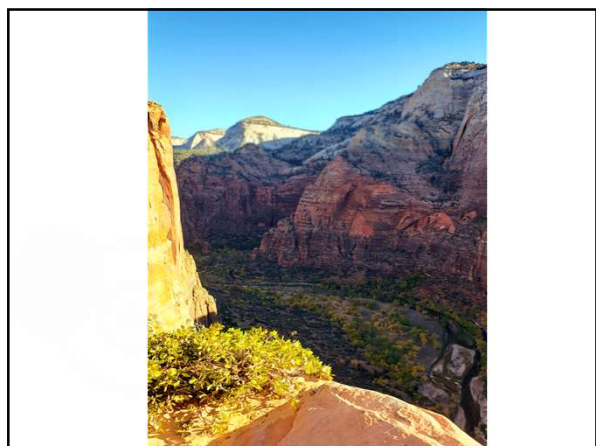
## Psalm 95:3-5

"For the Lord is the great God, the great  
King above all gods. In His hand are the  
depths of the earth, and the mountain  
peaks belong to Him. The sea is His,  
for He made it, and His hands  
formed the dry land."

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Romans 1:20  
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His eternal power and divine nature –  
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what has been made,  
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*Seen! Touched! Tasted! Smelled! Heard!*

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**“Poíema”**  
 Po-y-ay-ma

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**“Poíema”**

- 1) Something made
- 2) A work, as by an artisan  
 ...of God as creator
- 3) *Workmanship*

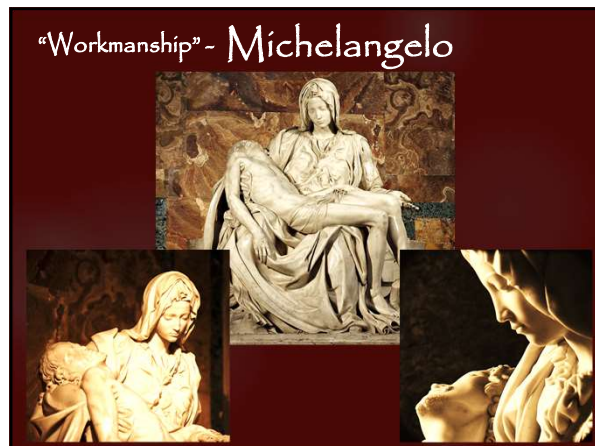
*Bringing something into existence that did not  
 exist before.*

*Poem! Poetry!*

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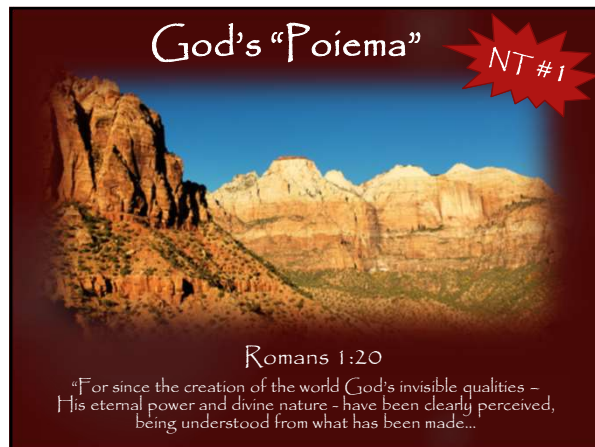
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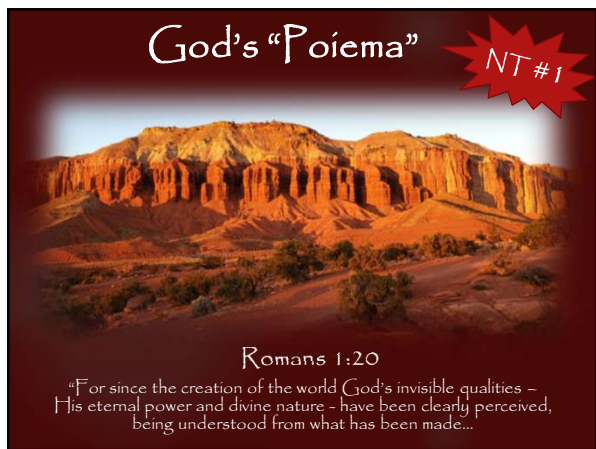
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**God's "Poïema"** NT #2

**Ephesians 2:10**

*"For we are His workmanship,  
created in Christ  
Jesus for good  
works, which  
God prepared  
beforehand so  
that we would walk  
in them."*



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**2 CORINTHIANS  
5:17**

**THEREFORE,  
IF ANYONE IS IN  
CHRIST  
HE IS A NEW CREATION;  
THE OLD HAS GONE,  
THE NEW HAS COME!**

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**Timothy Keller** asks "Do you know what it means that you are **God's workmanship**?" What is art? Art is beautiful, art is valuable, and art is an expression of the inner being of the maker, of the artist. Imagine what that means. You're beautiful, you're valuable, and you're an expression of the very inner being of the Artist, the divine Artist, God Himself. You see, when Jesus gave Himself on the Cross. He didn't say, "I'm going to die just so you know I love you." He said, "I'm going to die, I'm going to bleed, for your splendor. I'm going to re-create you into something beautiful. I will turn you into something splendid, magnificent. I'm the Artist, you're the art. I'm the Painter, you're the canvas. I'm the Sculptor, you're the marble. You don't look like much there in the quarry, but I can see. Oh, I can see!" Jesus is an Artist!" And you beloved are His crowning achievement, His masterpiece!

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**You are God's work of art...  
His Masterpiece!**


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**You are God's work of art...  
His Masterpiece!**

*Beautiful!      Skillfully!  
Unique!        Artfully!  
Valuable!*

*An expression of  
His inner being!*

**Active and Living!**



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**You are God's work of art...  
His Masterpiece!**

*"...the fruit  
and product  
of God's  
creative hand!"*





**J.C. Philpot**  
1802-1869


13<sup>th</sup> century  
English pastor  
& reformer

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**You are God's work of art...  
His Masterpiece!**

*He is...*

*Carving you...*  
*Shaping you...*  
*Molding you...*



**That you might reflect His glory  
throughout eternity!**

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**Romans 8:29**  
*"Conformed to the image of Christ!"*

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**Ephesians 2:7**  
*"...that in the ages to come, He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus..."*

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Joni Eareckson Tada who became quadriplegic after a tragic accident, describes herself as God's "poiema" in her book **A Place of Healing** writing "(God) has a plan and purpose for my time on earth. He is the Master Artist or Sculptor, and He is the One Who chooses the tools He will use to perfect His **workmanship**. What of suffering, then? What of illness? What of disability? Am I to tell Him which tools He can use and which tools He can't use in the lifelong task of perfecting me and molding me into the beautiful image of Jesus? Do I really know better than Him, so that I can state without equivocation that it's always His will to heal me of every physical affliction? If I am His **poem**, do I have the right to say, "No, Lord. You need to trim line number two and brighten up lines three and five. They're just a little bit dark." Do I, the **poem**, the thing being written, know more than the poet?"

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*Beautiful!*      *Skillfully!*  
*Unique!*        *Artfully!*  
*Valuable!*



*An expression of His  
inner being!*


**Active and Living!**

**So...**  
**What does this mean for my life?**

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**How is God shaping me today?**

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*Active and Living!*

**What "tool(s)" is God using to "shape" me?**

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**Communion**



**In Remembrance of Me**

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