



*Sydney's Christmas at the Rock's
July 13-16, 2023*



Blue Mountains, Australia





*School Backpack Project: July 9-Aug. 6
Distribute on Sunday, Aug. 13*



*It's hot and it ain't snowin',
And yet you can always chill,
If the heart so desires,
You can have **Christmas**
Whenever you will...*

***Celebrate
Christmas in July!***

Kingdomtide

The colour for this season of Kingdomtide is green, indicating a time of growth. We are reminded to plant our roots deep into the heart of God's sustaining Presence and Word, as we stretch out our arms in hospitality to the world.

Festival of
God's Creation

CELEBRATING OUR EARTH:
A Gift from God



1. IN GOD'S IMAGE, JUNE 4
2. OUT OF THE GROUND, JUNE 11
- ALL ABOARD IN NOAH'S WORLD, JUNE 18
4. INTERDEPENDENT ARE WE, JULY 2
5. KEEP ALL COCREATURES HOLY, JULY 9
6. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, JULY 16
7. ON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN, JULY 23
8. MAKE ALL THINGS NEW, JULY 30

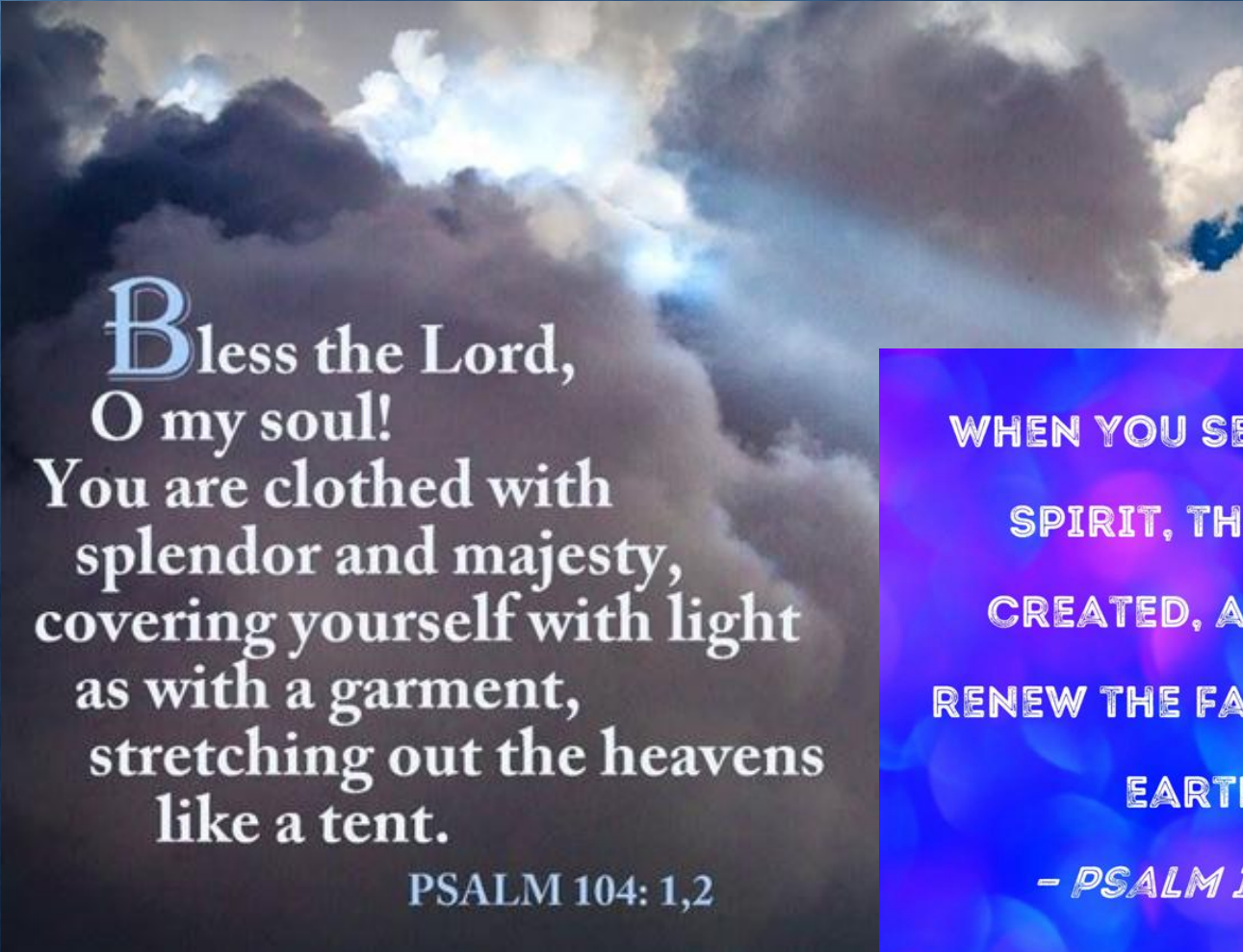


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Psalm 104:1-35

God Creates and Renews All.



Bless the Lord,
O my soul!
You are clothed with
splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light
as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens
like a tent.

PSALM 104: 1,2

WHEN YOU SEND YOUR
SPIRIT, THEY ARE
CREATED, AND YOU
RENEW THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

- PSALM 104:30

Psalm 104:1-35

Inseparable Work of Creation & Salvation

LORD, you have done so many things!

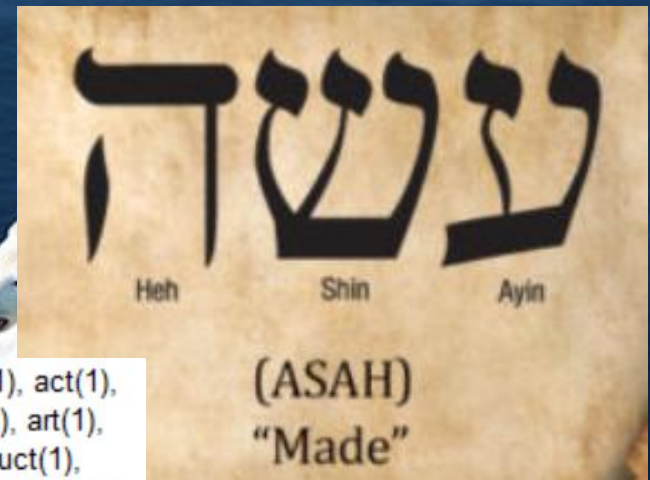
You made them all so wisely!

**The earth
is full of your
creations!**

Psalm 104:24



Usage: accomplishments(1), achievements(1), act(1), act...did(1), actions(1), activities(2), activity(3), art(1), business(1), chainwork*(1), concern(1), conduct(1), deed(4), deeds(17), design(4), did(1), does(1), done(1), eventful(1), goods(2), just*(1), labors(2), made(2), occupation(2), practices(2), sculptured*(1), task(2), things(5), verses(1), vocation(1), what He has done(1), what is done(2), what is made(1), work(99), work quota(1), working(2), workmanship(10), works(42), wrought(1), yield(1).



מַעֲשֵׂה maaseh

**God's creating work and God's Saving Work are inseparable;
God's activity on behalf of Israel was toward the enactment of God's purposes
for the whole creation!**

Psalm 104:1-35

God Gives and He Takes Away!

WHEN YOU HIDE YOUR
FACE, THEY ARE
TERRIFIED; WHEN YOU
TAKE AWAY THEIR
BREATH, THEY DIE AND
RETURN TO DUST.

- PSALM 104:29

WHEN YOU SEND YOUR
SPIRIT, THEY ARE
CREATED, AND YOU
RENEW THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

- PSALM 104:30



אדם ~adam-human
אדמה ~adamah-soil
אדום ~adom-red
אודם ~odem-lipstick
אדמדם ~adamdam-reddish
דם dam-blood
דומה domeh-similar

Psalm 104:1-35

Sing to the Lord As Long As You Live!

הַלְלוּ יְהוָה:

I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

Psalm 104:33-34 NIV

*Praise involves the acknowledgement of God's sovereignty and
the commitment to live under God's rule*

Mark 4:30-34

When Plant, His Kingdom Prospers!

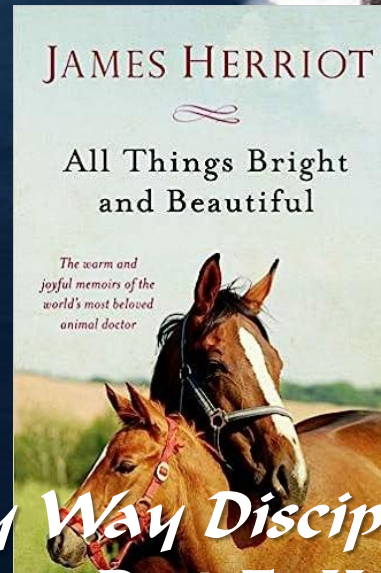
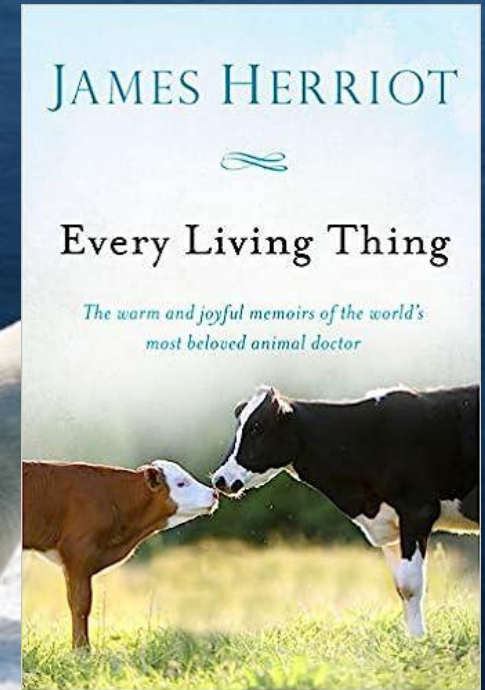
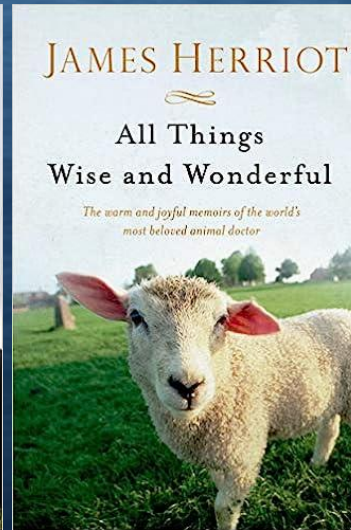
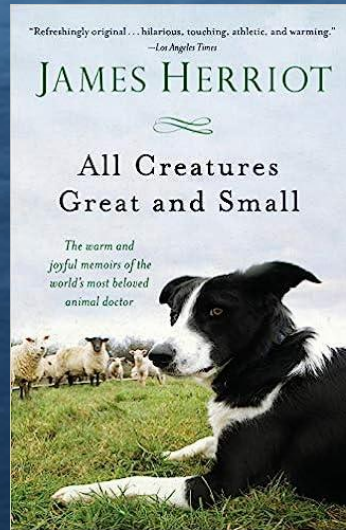
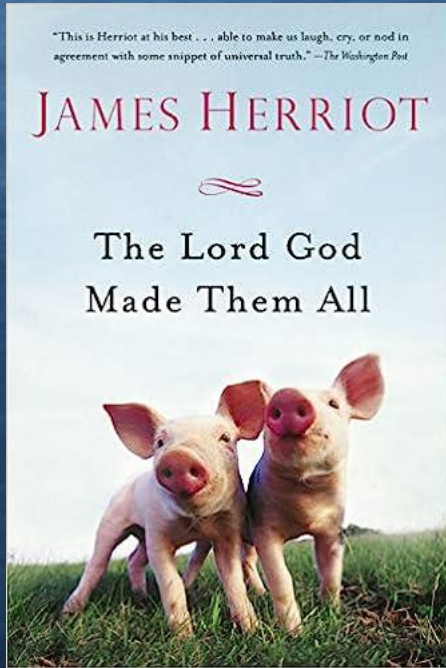
*"It is like a mustard seed, which is **the smallest seed** you plant in the ground.*

*Yet **when planted**, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."*

Mark 4:31-32



1. In His divine wisdom, God made them all, the earth is full of His creation.



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All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

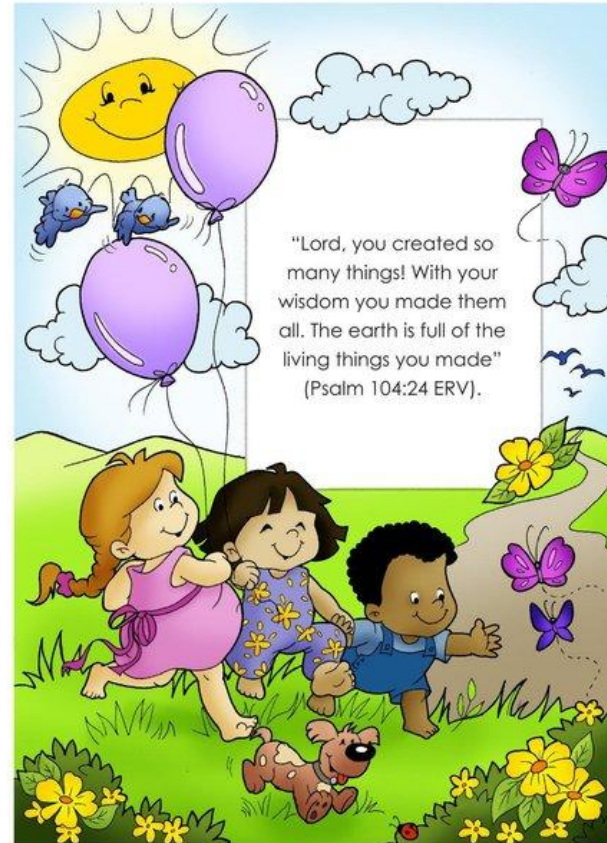
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

—Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

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"Lord, you created so many things! With your wisdom you made them all. The earth is full of the living things you made" (Psalm 104:24 ERV).

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Everyone Matters in the Kingdom!



God Made Them All

Rich or poor, God made them all

Don't matter if they're tall

Don't matter if they're small

God made them all

White or black, God made them all

Don't matter if they're named Paul

Don't matter if they're named Saul

God made them all

If you want to see eternity

You must love all equally!

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TRUE
FAITH
DOESN'T
BULLY

TOGETHER, WE CAN END BULLYING



by Thom S. Rainer

— 5 Dangers of —
CHURCH BULLIES

Creating a bully-free church/school/home/Earth!

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2. *May the glory of the Lord endure forever.*



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Religiously affiliated Americans commonly link their religious beliefs to the environment

% who say ...

	The Earth is sacred	They completely/mostly agree that God gave humans a duty to protect and care for Earth	Scripture has lessons about the environment	They prayed for the environment in the past year
All U.S. adults	72%	66%	58%	33%
Religiously affiliated	74	80	67	42
Christian	73	82	67	42
Protestant	70	85	71	43
<i>Evangelical</i>	64	86	75	43
<i>Mainline</i>	81	82	61	37
<i>Historically Black</i>	65	86	75	54
Catholic	79	75	58	38
Other religion	77	55	61	37
Religiously unaffiliated	68	34	39	15

Note: "Other religion" includes those who identify as Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, or with another world religion or other non-Christian faith.

Source: Survey conducted Aug. 11-17, 2012.

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<https://grist.org/politics/evangelical-christians-climate-action-god-mandate-bible/>



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1. *In His divine wisdom, God made them all, the earth is full of His creation.*
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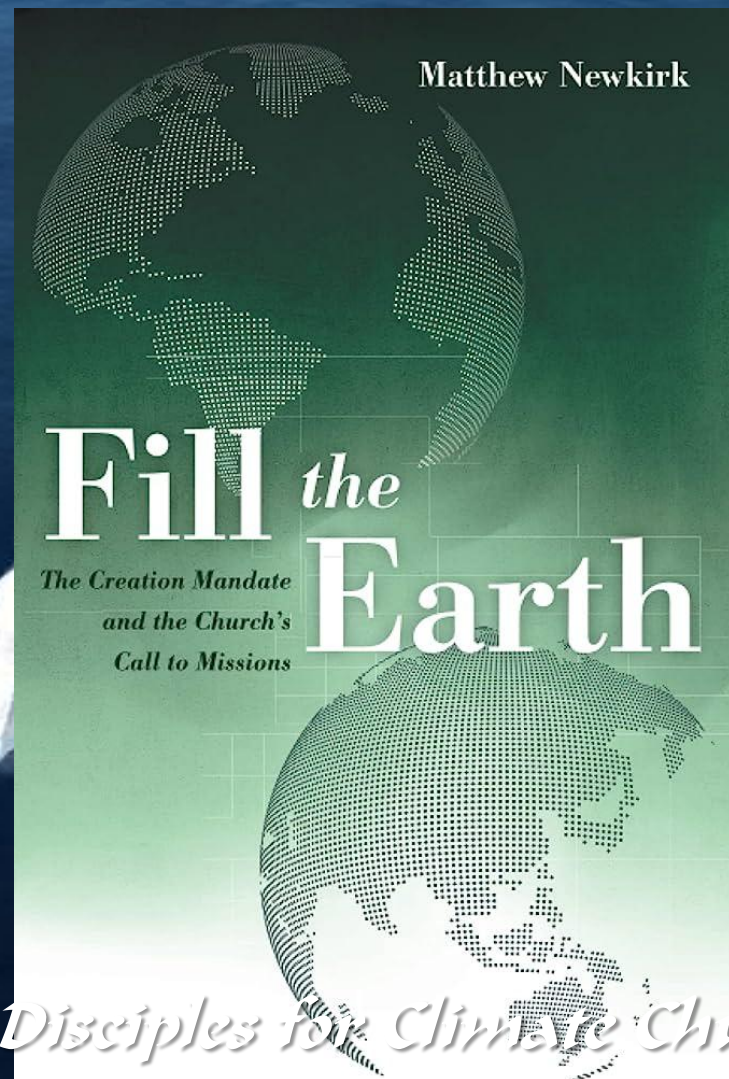


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*Begin with Creation, and
End with New Creation!*

*- Bring the gospel to the ends
of the earth; fill the earth with
the gospel of Jesus Christ!*



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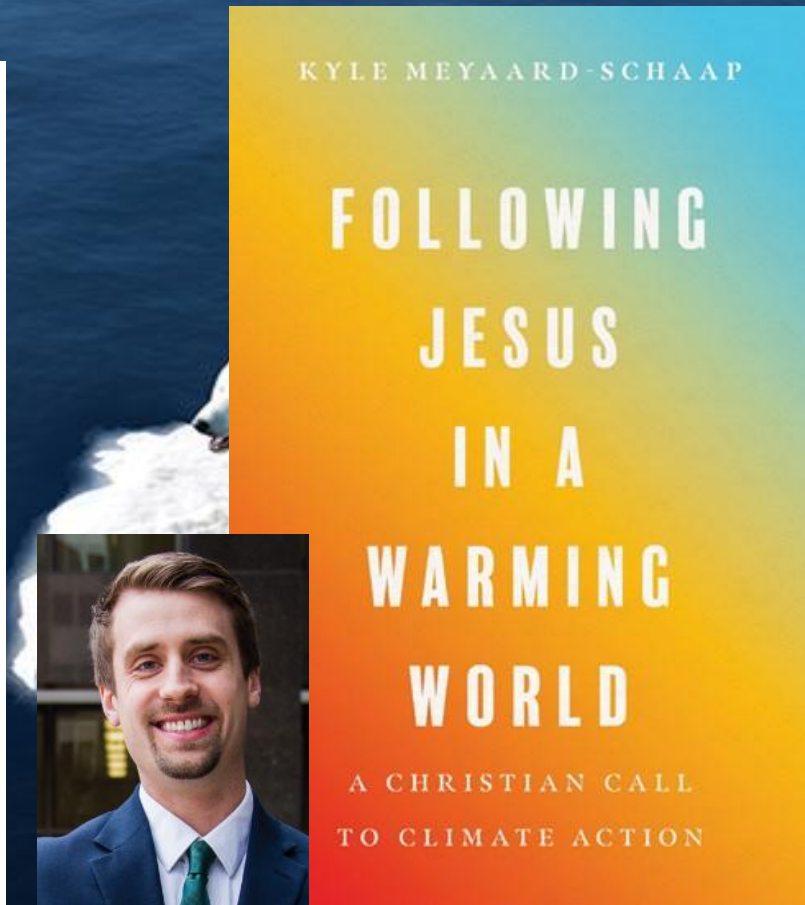
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