

Enduring Glory



Psalm 104

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Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, ² covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. ³ He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind;

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⁴ he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. ⁵ He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved. ⁶ You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. ⁷ At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.

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⁸ The mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that you appointed for them. ⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. ¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; ¹¹ they give drink to every beast of the field;

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the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. ¹⁴ You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate,

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that he may bring forth food from the earth ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. ¹⁶ The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. ¹⁷ In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.

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¹⁸ The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. ¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. ²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. ²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

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²² When the sun rises, they steal away
and lie down in their dens. ²³ Man goes
out to his work and to his labor until the
evening. ²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are
your works! In wisdom have you made
them all; the earth is full of your
creatures. ²⁵ Here is the sea, great and
wide,

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which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan,
which you formed to play in it. ²⁷ These
all look to you, to give them their food in
due season. ²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up; when you open your
hand, they are filled with good things.

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²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. ³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

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³² who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they
smoke! ³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I
live; I will sing praise to my God while I
have being. ³⁴ May my meditation be
pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more! Bless the
Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

Glorious imagery connects us to our
glorious God

God is a glorious sustainer

Psalm 104:27-30

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The Lord rejoices in his glory

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