

Psalm 104 (NET)

¹ Praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are magnificent.

You are robed in splendor and majesty.

² He covers himself with light as if it were a garment.

He stretches out the skies like a tent curtain,

³ and lays the beams of the upper rooms of his palace on the rain clouds.

He makes the clouds his chariot,

and travels along on the wings of the wind.

⁴ He makes the winds his messengers,

and the flaming fire his attendant.

⁵ He established the earth on its foundations;

it will never be upended.

⁶ The watery deep covered it like a garment;

the waters reached above the mountains.

⁷ Your shout made the waters retreat;

at the sound of your thunderous voice they hurried off—

⁸ as the mountains rose up,

and the valleys went down—

to the place you appointed for them.

⁹ You set up a boundary for them that they could not cross,

so that they would not cover the earth again.

¹⁰ He turns springs into streams;

they flow between the mountains.

¹¹ They provide water for all the animals in the field;

the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² The birds of the sky live beside them;

they chirp among the bushes.

¹³ He waters the mountains from the upper rooms of his palace;
the earth is full of the fruit you cause to grow.

¹⁴ He provides grass for the cattle,
and crops for people to cultivate,
so they can produce food from the ground,

¹⁵ as well as wine that makes people feel so good,
and so they can have oil to make their faces shine,
as well as food that sustains people's lives.

¹⁶ The trees of the Lord receive all the rain they need,
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

¹⁷ where the birds make nests,
near the evergreens in which the herons live.

¹⁸ The wild goats live in the high mountains;
the rock badgers find safety in the cliffs.

¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the months,
and the sun sets according to a regular schedule.

²⁰ You make it dark and night comes,
during which all the beasts of the forest prowl around.

²¹ The lions roar for prey,
seeking their food from God.

²² When the sun rises, they withdraw
and sleep in their dens.

²³ Men then go out to do their work,
and labor away until evening.

²⁴ How many living things you have made, O Lord!
You have exhibited great skill in making all of them;
the earth is full of the living things you have made.

²⁵ Over here is the deep, wide sea,
which teems with innumerable swimming creatures,
living things both small and large.

²⁶ The ships travel there,
and over here swims the whale you made to play in it.

²⁷ All of your creatures wait for you
to provide them with food on a regular basis.

²⁸ You give food to them and they receive it;
you open your hand and they are filled with food.

²⁹ When you ignore them, they panic.
When you take away their life's breath, they die
and return to dust.

³⁰ When you send your life-giving breath, they are created,
and you replenish the surface of the ground.

³¹ May the splendor of the Lord endure!
May the Lord find pleasure in the living things he has made!

³² He looks down on the earth and it shakes;
he touches the mountains and they start to smolder.

³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist!

³⁴ May my thoughts be pleasing to him!
I will rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵ May sinners disappear from the earth,
and the wicked vanish!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
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Job 38 (NET)

Do you hunt the prey for the lioness
and satisfy the hunger of the lions
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens
or lie in wait in a thicket?
⁴¹ Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry out to God
and wander about for lack of food?



Job 39 (NET)

Does the hawk take flight by your wisdom
and spread its wings toward the south?
²⁷ Does the eagle soar at your command
and build its nest on high?
²⁸ It dwells on a cliff and stays there at night;
a rocky crag is its stronghold.
²⁹ From there it looks for food;
its eyes detect it from afar.
³⁰ Its young ones feast on blood,
and where the slain are, there it is."



Romans 8 (NET)

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.
²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Isaiah 11 (NET)

A shoot will grow out of Jesse's root stock,
a bud will sprout from his roots.

² The Lord's spirit will rest on him—
a spirit that gives extraordinary wisdom,
a spirit that provides the ability to execute plans,
a spirit that produces absolute loyalty to the Lord.

³ He will take delight in obeying the Lord.
He will not judge by mere appearances,
or make decisions on the basis of hearsay.

⁴ He will treat the poor fairly,
and make right decisions for the downtrodden of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and order the wicked to be executed.

⁵ Justice will be like a belt around his waist,
integrity will be like a belt around his hips.

⁶ A wolf will reside with a lamb,
and a leopard will lie down with a young goat;
an ox and a young lion will graze together,
as a small child leads them along.

⁷ A cow and a bear will graze together,
their young will lie down together.
A lion, like an ox, will eat straw.

⁸ A baby will play
over the hole of a snake;
over the nest of a serpent
an infant will put his hand.

⁹ They will no longer injure or destroy
on my entire royal mountain.
For there will be universal submission to the Lord's sovereignty,
just as the waters completely cover the sea.