

Exodus 15:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Analysis

The rhetorical question 'Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?' asserts incomparability. The term 'gods' (elim, אֱלֹהִים) acknowledges other claimants to deity while denying their reality or power. The parallel question 'who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?' lists three divine attributes: holiness (separation from evil), praiseworthiness (even His judgments deserve worship), wonder-working (miraculous power). No competitor exists. This prefigures Mary's song (Luke 1:49).

Historical Context

Egypt claimed multiple gods controlling various domains. The plagues and Red Sea victory demonstrated YHWH's supremacy over all Egyptian deities—Hapi (Nile), Heqt (frogs), Ra (sun), Pharaoh (divine king).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What modern 'gods' (money, power, pleasure, self) compete with the LORD for your worship?
2. How does meditating on God's incomparability affect your tendency toward functional polytheism (serving multiple loyalties)?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 8:23 (References God): And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

1 Samuel 2:2 (Holy): There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.

2 Samuel 7:22 (References God): Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

Revelation 4:8 (Holy): And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Isaiah 6:3 (Glory): And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Deuteronomy 3:24 (References God): O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

Psalms 86:8 (References God): Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

Psalms 77:14 (References God): Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Revelation 15:4 (Holy): Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Isaiah 40:25 (Holy): To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.