

# Job 39:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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"What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider." When the ostrich runs, it "scorns" (sachaq, שָׁחַק, "laughs at/mocks") even horses and riders—it's the fastest bird on land. Though lacking wisdom, God gave it speed and strength. This demonstrates that God compensates for certain deficiencies with other extraordinary abilities. No creature has everything, but each has what it needs for its purpose. This encourages acceptance of one's unique combination of strengths and weaknesses.

## Historical Context

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Horses were the fastest transportation in ancient world. The ostrich's superior running speed would impress ancient observers. God designed each creature with specific excellences compensating for deficiencies. This would teach that divine wisdom distributes abilities purposefully, not randomly or unfairly.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How do your compensating strengths equip you perfectly for God's purposes despite deficiencies?
2. What would change if you stopped envying others' gifts and maximized what God gave you?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּעֵת	בָּמָרְאֵת	תִּמְרֵא	תִּשְׂרֵךְ	לְסֵדֶן	לְרַכְבָּן
<b>What time</b>	<b>herself on high</b>	<b>she lifteth up</b>	<b>she scorneth</b>	<b>the horse</b>	<b>and his rider</b>

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