

Psalms 104:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

Analysis

God sends springs (ma'ayanim) into valleys running among hills, providing fresh water for creation. This demonstrates God's ongoing providence, not mere initial creation. He actively sustains what He made. Water sources among mountains and valleys enable diverse ecosystems. This provision reflects God's care for all creatures (v.11). Christ taught that the Father feeds birds (Matt 6:26), showing this same providential care. The Reformed understanding of common grace recognizes God's goodness to all creation, not only to the elect.

Historical Context

In the semi-arid Middle East, springs were precious water sources enabling settlement and agriculture. Israel's dependence on reliable water supplies made this imagery of God's provision particularly meaningful.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How do you see God's ongoing providential care in the 'ordinary' sustaining of your daily needs?
2. What does God's provision for 'every beast of the field' teach about His care for you?

Interlinear Text

הַמְשִׁילַם	מִמַּעֲיִינִים	בְּנִחְלָיִים	בְּיַם	הַרִים	הַלְכוֹן:
He sendeth	the springs	into the valleys	H996	among the hills	which run
H7971	H4599	H5158		H2022	H1980

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 41:18 (Parallel theme): I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

Psalms 107:35 (Parallel theme): He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

Isaiah 35:7 (Parallel theme): And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.