

Psalm 104:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Analysis

God waters hills 'from his chambers,' referring to the heavenly storehouses of rain. 'The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works' shows creation's contentment with God's provision. Rain from above demonstrates God's heavenly care for earthly needs. The satisfaction (saba) suggests abundance, not mere sufficiency. This anticipates Christ as living water (John 4:14) satisfying spiritual thirst. The Reformed doctrine of God's providence recognizes both physical and spiritual sustenance come from God's gracious hand.

Historical Context

In agricultural societies dependent on seasonal rains, understanding God as controlling precipitation was crucial. Rain from 'chambers' reflects ancient cosmology while emphasizing God's sovereignty over weather.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as the source of both physical and spiritual provision shape your prayer life?
2. What 'fruit of God's works' in your life produces deep satisfaction and contentment?

Interlinear Text

תָּשַׁבְּ	עַ	מִ	עֲשֵׂ	וּבָ	מִשְׁקָה	הָ
He	watereth	the	hills	from	his	chambers
H8248		H2022		H5944		
מִפְרָח	+					
with	the	fruit				
H6529						
מִתְּבָנָה	+					
of	thy	works				
H4639						
מִשְׁׁבָּת	+					
is	satisfied					
H7646						

פְּאָרָז:
the earth
H776

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 147:8 (Parallel theme): Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

Jeremiah 10:13 (Parallel theme): When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Jeremiah 14:22 (Parallel theme): Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

Deuteronomy 11:11 (Parallel theme): But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

Acts 14:17 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Psalms 104:3 (Parallel theme): Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Job 38:37 (Parallel theme): Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,

Matthew 5:45 (Parallel theme): That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Amos 9:6 (Parallel theme): It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

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