

# Psalms 146:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

## Analysis

**Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever.** God's trustworthiness rooted in His role as Creator—oseh shamayim va'arets (עֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ) "maker of heaven and earth"—the covenant formula affirming Yahweh created all reality (Genesis 1:1, Exodus 20:11). Unlike powerless princes (v. 3), the Creator controls all creation's resources and powers.

**Which keepeth truth for ever** (hashshomer emet le'olam, הַשֹּׁמֵר אֱמֶת לְעוֹלָם)—emet (אֱמֶת) "truth/faithfulness/reliability" describes God's unchanging character. Shomer (שֹׁמֵר) "keeps/guards" indicates active preservation of covenant promises. While human promises die with the promiser (v. 4), God's truth endures eternally, providing the only reliable foundation for trust.

## Historical Context

The creation formula distinguished Yahweh from pagan gods supposedly born from or limited by creation. Yahweh created all, therefore controls all. The emphasis on keeping truth forever answered Israel's experience of broken treaties, failed alliances, and unfulfilled human promises. God alone proves eternally faithful.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

1. How does God's role as Creator strengthen confidence in His ability to help His people?
2. What broken human promises tempt you to doubt God's faithfulness to keep His word?
3. How should God's eternal truth-keeping shape expectations about trials and timing of His deliverance?

## Interlinear Text

בָּמֶיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר כָּל יָמָת הָיָה אֶת יָדָיו שָׁמַיִם וָאֶרֶץ עָשָׂה הוּא  
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 He made the heaven and earth the sea  
 וְהָיָה כֵּן לְעוֹלָם: אֵת  
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 and all that therein is which keepeth truth for ever

## Additional Cross-References

**Revelation 14:7** (Creation): Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Psalms 100:5** (Truth): For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

**Exodus 20:11** (Creation): For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

**Colossians 1:16** (Creation): For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or

dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Jeremiah 32:17** (Creation): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

**Genesis 1:1** (Creation): In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

**Psalms 89:2** (Parallel theme): For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

**Psalms 95:5** (Creation): The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

**Hebrews 6:18** (Parallel theme): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

**Psalms 117:2** (Truth): For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.