

Psalms 18:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Analysis

God rode on a cherub and flew, 'swooping down on the wings of the wind.' Cherubim are throne guardians (Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 1), indicating God's majestic mobility. The Hebrew 'da'ah' (swoop/fly) suggests swift movement. Wind wings portray God's speed in responding to His servant's cry. This anticipates Revelation's vision of God's throne attended by creatures (Revelation 4). God's transcendent glory doesn't prevent intimate involvement.

Historical Context

Cherubim imagery comes from Eden and the Ark of the Covenant, where golden cherubim formed God's throne. Wind was seen as God's breath and vehicle.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How quickly do you expect God to respond to your prayers?
2. What does God's throne imagery teach about His sovereignty over all creation?

Interlinear Text

וָרָכָה ב	עַל	כְּרוּב	וַיַּעַף	וַיֵּדָא	עַל	כַּנְפָּי
And he rode	H5921	upon a cherub	and did fly	yea he did fly	H5921	upon the wings
H7392		H3742	H5774	H1675		H3671
רוּחַ:						
of the wind						
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Additional Cross-References

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:

Psalms 99:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.