

Psalm 19:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Analysis

Creation's 'voice' goes out to all earth, their words to the world's end. Paul applies this verse to gospel preaching in Romans 10:18, showing how natural revelation anticipates special revelation. The sun's tent in the heavens introduces solar imagery for God's revelation. The Hebrew 'qav' (measuring line/voice) suggests both extent and precision. Creation's testimony is both universal and exact.

Historical Context

Ancient cosmology viewed the sun as having a dwelling place, here used poetically to describe its regular course across the sky as ordained by God.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does creation's universal testimony point you to seek fuller revelation in Christ?
2. In what ways does the gospel's spread fulfill creation's worldwide witness?

Interlinear Text

בְּכָל	בְּכָל	בְּאֶרֶץ	בְּאֶרֶץ	בְּכָל	בְּכָל	בְּכָל
H3605	through all the earth	H776	is gone out	H3318	Their line	H6957
					to the end	H7097
					of the world	H8398
וְלֹא	וְלֹא	שָׁמָן	שָׁמָן	אֵל	אֵל	בְּהָמָן
and their words	for the sun	In them hath he set	a tabernacle	H168		H0
H4405	H8121	H7760				

Additional Cross-References

Romans 10:18 (Word): But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Psalms 104:2 (Parallel theme): Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Malachi 4:2 (Parallel theme): But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Psalms 98:3 (Parallel theme): He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 49:6 (Parallel theme): And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.