

Psalms 19:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Analysis

The sun is like a bridegroom from his chamber, rejoicing like a strong man to run his course. The Hebrew 'chathan' (bridegroom) and 'gibbor' (strong man/warrior) portray vigor and glory. The sun's daily course reflects God's faithful ordering. This imagery anticipates Christ as the bridegroom (Matthew 9:15) and the Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2) who arose with healing in His wings.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern cultures often deified the sun, but Israel's psalmist makes it merely God's creation, subject to His command and testifying to His glory.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does creation's ordered reliability point to God's faithfulness?
2. In what ways does Christ as 'Sun of Righteousness' illuminate your life?

Interlinear Text

וְהוּא	כֶּן הַדָּוָן	יֵצֵא	מִחֻפָּתוֹ	וְשֵׁשׁ יֵשׁ
H1931	Which is as a bridegroom	coming out	of his chamber	and rejoiceth
	H2860	H3318	H2646	H7797
כֶּן גִּבּוֹר	לָרֹץ	אֶרְחָץ:		
as a strong man	to run	a race		
H1368	H7323	H734		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 62:5 (Parallel theme): For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Isaiah 61:10 (Parallel theme): I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.