

Psalms 24:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Analysis

God's ownership of earth is grounded in creation: 'he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.' Ancient cosmology viewed earth as established above chaotic waters. Reformed theology emphasizes creatio ex nihilo and God's sovereign ordering of creation. Because God created all things, He owns all things (Ps. 50:12). This establishes divine authority over all human claims to property—we are stewards, not ultimate owners. God's creative work grounds His right to worship and obedience.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern creation myths depicted gods battling chaos-waters. Genesis and Psalms present Yahweh as sovereign Creator who effortlessly orders chaos, demonstrating His absolute power. The 'seas' and 'floods' represent potential chaos that God controls completely.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as Creator-Owner affect your view of material possessions?
2. What does God's sovereignty over 'chaos waters' teach about His control of your circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 136:6 (Parallel theme): To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Jeremiah 5:22 (Parallel theme): Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

Psalms 96:10 (Parallel theme): Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.

Job 38:4 (Parallel theme): Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Psalms 33:6 (Parallel theme): By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Genesis 8:22 (Parallel theme): While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

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