

# Psalm 24:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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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

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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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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

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**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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