

Psalms 29:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

Analysis

The imagery 'The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon' depicts divine power over nature's strongest elements. Lebanon's cedars were ancient symbols of strength and permanence. God's voice shatters them effortlessly. Reformed theology sees omnipotence—nothing in creation resists God's power. If His voice breaks cedars, how much more should humans submit? This psalm emphasizes that power demonstrated in nature extends to all reality.

Historical Context

Cedar of Lebanon was prized for temple construction (1 Kings 5:6) due to strength and durability. These trees represented human achievement and natural strength. God's sovereignty over them demonstrated His supremacy over all earthly power.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What 'cedars' (strongholds) in your life need to be broken by God's voice?

2. How does God's power over nature assure His power over all circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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The voice	of the LORD	breaketh	the cedars	breaketh	of the LORD	H853
H6963	H3068	H7665	H730	H7665	H3068	
אַרְזֵי י	הַלְבָּנוֹן:					
the cedars	of Lebanon					
H730	H3844					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 2:13 (Parallel theme): And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

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