

Psalms 29:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

Analysis

The description 'He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn' uses playful imagery to depict God's effortless control over massive mountains. Lebanon and Sirion (Mt. Hermon) 'skip like calves'—enormous mountains move at God's command. Reformed theology sees transcendence and immanence: God is so far above creation that mountains are toys, yet He stoops to engage His creation. Power and playfulness combine in divine sovereignty.

Historical Context

Lebanon and Hermon were massive mountain ranges marking Israel's northern borders. Their stability symbolized permanence. Depicting them as playful animals emphasized God's absolute control over even earth's foundations.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's effortless control over massive mountains affect your view of 'immovable' problems?
2. What does divine 'playfulness' with creation teach about God's character?

Interlinear Text

וַיַּקֵּיץ הֵם	כְּמוֹ	עַל	לְבָנוֹן	וְשִׁירֹן	כְּמוֹ
He maketh them also to skip	H3644	like a calf	Lebanon	and Sirion	H3644
H7540		H5695	H3844	H8303	
כִּן	רֵאֲמִים:				
like a young	unicorn				
H1121	H7214				

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 3:9 (Parallel theme): (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir;)

Numbers 23:22 (Parallel theme): God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.