

Psalms 29:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

Analysis

The description 'The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory' connects divine power over nature to worship. God's voice affects birth ('hinds calve') and revelation ('discovers forests'). The result: universal doxology in God's temple. Reformed theology sees providence producing praise—recognizing God's hand in all events leads to worship. Nature's response to God's voice models human response: awe and adoration.

Historical Context

Hinds (female deer) represented vulnerable beauty. God's sovereignty extends to their reproduction—He numbers every birth (Ps. 147:9). Stripping forests bare revealed hidden things. All creation testifies to God's glory, prompting worship.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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 observing God's providence in nature lead you to worship?
2. What does 'every one speaks of His glory' teach about worship's universality?

Interlinear Text

קול	יהוה	יחולל	אילות	יחשף	יער
The voice	of the LORD	to calve	maketh the hinds	and discovereth	the forests
H6963	H3068	H2342	H355	H2834	H3295
וביהיכלו	כל	אמר	כבוד:		
and in his temple	H3605	doth every one speak	of his glory		
H1964		H559	H3519		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 26:8 (References Lord): LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psalms 48:9 (Temple): We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.