

Psalms 50:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

Analysis

Divine ownership: 'For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.' God already owns all animals everywhere. 'A thousand hills' poetically expresses comprehensive ownership. Sacrifice doesn't give God what He lacks but acknowledges what He already possesses.

Historical Context

This verse became foundational for understanding stewardship: humans manage what belongs to God. All resources are His; our 'giving' is merely returning a portion of what was never truly ours.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does 'the cattle upon a thousand hills' challenge our sense of ownership?

2. What does sacrificing from God's own resources reveal about worship's true purpose?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H0	H3605	For every beast	of the forest	is mine and the cattle	hills
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Additional Cross-References

Jonah 4:11 (Parallel theme): And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Psalms 104:14 (Parallel theme): He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;