

Psalm 68:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan.

Analysis

The 'hill of God' is Bashan, known for its height and fertility—yet it's called 'high hill.' The comparison between Bashan's impressive height and God's chosen mountain (Zion) prepares for verse 16's revelation that God chooses the humble place. Bashan represents worldly greatness; Zion represents God's sovereign choice. This teaches that God's presence, not natural impressiveness, determines true significance—a principle fulfilled in Christ's humble incarnation.

Historical Context

Bashan, east of Galilee, featured impressive mountains and rich pastures (Deuteronomy 32:14, Amos 4:1). Its worldly prominence contrasts with Jerusalem/Zion's religious significance as God's chosen dwelling place.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you measure spiritual significance—by worldly impressiveness or God's presence?
2. What 'high hills' of human achievement pale in comparison to what God has chosen?
3. How does God's choice of the humble (Zion, Bethlehem, Nazareth) shape your values and ambitions?

Interlinear Text

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