

# Psalms 68:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

## Analysis

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Bashan's heights 'leap' with envy at Zion, the hill God chose for His dwelling. Despite Zion's modest elevation, God's selection makes it supremely significant. 'The Lord will dwell in it for ever' promises eternal presence—fulfilled ultimately in the New Jerusalem where God dwells with His people perpetually (Revelation 21:3). Divine choice, not human merit or natural advantage, determines worth and destiny.

## Historical Context

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Mount Zion, Jerusalem's site, was strategically located but not particularly impressive physically. Yet God chose it for His temple, making it the center of His covenant people's worship and identity.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's election of the unlikely or insignificant challenge worldly criteria for value?

2. What does it mean that God chooses to dwell with His people 'forever'?
3. In what ways are you tempted to judge worth by external impressiveness rather than God's choice?

## Interlinear Text

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לָמָּהּ	תִּבְצֹדוֹן	הַר	גִּבְרָה נָיִם	הַר	דִּמְדָּם	אֱלֹהֵי יִם
H4100	<b>Why leap</b>	<b>hills</b>	<b>ye ye high</b>	<b>hills</b>	<b>desireth</b>	<b>which God</b>
	H7520	H2022	H1386	H2022	H2530	H430
לְשִׁבְתָּהּ	אֶרֶץ	יְהוָה	יִשְׁכֹּן	לְנֶצַח:		
<b>to dwell in</b>	H637	<b>yea the LORD</b>	<b>will dwell</b>	<b>in it for ever</b>		
H3427		H3068	H7931	H5331		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 12:5** (References God): But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: