

Psalm 68:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Analysis

God 'rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old'—sovereign over all creation from eternity. His voice is a 'mighty voice,' echoing Sinai's thunder and creation's 'Let there be.' This majestic language emphasizes transcendence: God infinitely surpasses creation. Yet He's not distant—He 'sends out his voice,' actively communicating with His creatures. Christ is God's ultimate Word sent forth (John 1:1, Hebrews 1:1-2).

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern religions often depicted gods riding on clouds or chariots. The psalmist affirms Yahweh alone truly rules the heavens, far exceeding pagan deities' imagined powers.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does contemplating God's transcendence (riding ancient heavens) deepen your worship?

2. What does God's 'mighty voice' accomplish in creation, redemption, and your personal life?
3. How do you balance acknowledging God's transcendence with experiencing His personal presence?

Interlinear Text

לְ רַכֵּב	שְׁמֵי	שְׁמֵי	לְ זָמֵן	לְ
To him that rideth	of heavens	of heavens	which were of old	H2005
H7392	H8064	H8064	H6924	
אֵל!	לְ וַיְ	לְ וַיְ	וְ	
lo he doth send out	his voice	his voice	and that a mighty	
H5414	H6963	H6963	H5797	

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 18:10 (Parallel theme): And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Psalms 104:3 (Parallel theme): Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

Psalms 68:4 (Parallel theme): Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

1 Kings 8:27 (Parallel theme): But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?