

# Psalms 68:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

## Analysis

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God is 'terrible out of thy holy places'—His sanctuary reveals both beauty and fearsome holiness. The 'God of Israel' gives strength and power 'unto his people'—divine empowerment for living. 'Blessed be God' concludes with doxology, the only appropriate response to contemplating God's character. Holiness inspires awe, covenant relationship provides strength, and both lead to blessing God. Worship culminates in ascribing glory to God Himself.

## Historical Context

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The temple's Holy of Holies contained God's manifest presence—beautiful yet so holy that unauthorized entry meant death. This 'terrible' holiness protected God's glory while providing a way for His people to approach Him through prescribed means.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

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**Nehemiah 1:5** (References God): And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

**Zechariah 10:12** (Parallel theme): And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

**Philippians 4:13** (Parallel theme): I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Isaiah 45:21** (References God): Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

**Isaiah 40:31** (Parallel theme): But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.