

# Psalm 72:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.

## Analysis

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The doxology 'Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel' praises Yahweh specifically as Israel's covenant God. 'Who only doeth wondrous things' affirms that genuine miracles come from God alone, not human power or false gods. This exclusive claim—'only'—asserts monotheism and God's unique ability to accomplish the impossible. The wonders include both creation and redemption, climaxing in Christ's incarnation, death, and resurrection—the greatest wonders of all.

## Historical Context

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Israel's history was marked by divine wonders—plagues, Red Sea crossing, manna, conquest victories. These validated Yahweh as the true God against competing deities, demonstrating His exclusive power.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What 'wondrous things' has God done in your life that only He could accomplish?
2. How does acknowledging God 'only' does wonders guard against crediting human achievement or false spirituality?
3. What is the greatest wonder God has performed, and how does this shape your worship?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 41:13** (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.

**Psalms 106:48** (Blessing): Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

**Psalms 86:10** (References God): For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

**1 Chronicles 29:10** (Blessing): Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

**Psalms 136:4** (Parallel theme): To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**Exodus 15:11** (References God): Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

**Psalms 77:14** (References God): Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

**Psalms 68:35** (Blessing): 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.

**1 Chronicles 29:20** (Blessing): And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

**Job 5:9** (Parallel theme): Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: