

Psalms 92:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

Analysis

The parallelism of 'works' and 'hands' emphasizes both the magnitude and the personal agency of God's creative activity. Singing for joy (ranan—a ringing cry) represents worship that cannot be contained, bursting forth in exuberant praise. The greatness of God's works should naturally produce proportionate worship. This verse refutes both deism (distant God) and materialism (impersonal forces) by celebrating a personally active Creator.

Historical Context

Written in an ancient Near Eastern context where pagan nations attributed natural phenomena to multiple deities, this psalm boldly declares one sovereign Creator behind all works.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What aspects of God's created order most cause you to 'sing for joy' at His creative genius?

2. How can contemplating the intricacy of God's works in nature deepen your trust in His providence?

Interlinear Text

מֵה	גָּדֹל וְ	מַעֲשֵׂי יְיָ	יְהוָה	מְאֹד	עֲמֹק וְ	מִחְשְׁבֹתֶיךָ:
H4100	how great	are thy works	O LORD	are very	deep	and thy thoughts
	H1431	H4639	H3068	H3966	H6009	H4284

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 40:5 (References Lord): Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Psalms 139:17 (Parallel theme): How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

1 Corinthians 2:10 (Parallel theme): But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Psalms 111:2 (References Lord): The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Revelation 15:3 (References Lord): And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Psalms 66:3 (Parallel theme): Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Isaiah 28:29 (References Lord): This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

Jeremiah 23:20 (References Lord): The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

Psalms 104:24 (References Lord): O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Ecclesiastes 7:24 (Parallel theme): That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

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