

Psalms 94:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?

Analysis

The rhetorical questions employ a *fortiori* (lesser to greater) reasoning: if God created the ear, He must hear; if He formed the eye, He must see. This logic refutes the delusion of verse 7. The Hebrew *yatsar* (formed) is used in Genesis 2:7 of God creating humanity, establishing God as Creator who possesses all capacities He gives His creatures—and infinitely more. This verse teaches that God's abilities necessarily exceed those of His creation. The Creator cannot lack what the creature possesses. It's an argument from design to Designer.

Historical Context

This reasoning confronts both ancient polytheism (limited gods) and modern materialism (no God), asserting that consciousness, perception, and morality require a conscious, perceptive, moral Creator.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the design of your own body—your ears, eyes, mind—testify to you about God's nature?
2. What other attributes must God possess if He created beings with consciousness, conscience, and creativity?

Interlinear Text

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| וְנִצְחַן | אֵל | כָּל | עַ | וְנִשְׁמַע | אָמֵן | וְאַצְרֵן | עֵ |
| He that planted | the ear | H3808 | shall he not hear | H8085 | H518 | he that formed | the eye |
| H5193 | H241 | | | | | H3335 | H5869 |
| כָּל | וְנִבְיאָה | | | | | | |
| H3808 | shall he not see | H5027 | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 4:11 (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

Psalms 11:4 (Parallel theme): The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalms 44:21 (Parallel theme): Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Proverbs 20:12 (Parallel theme): The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

Psalms 17:3 (Parallel theme): Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.