

Psalm 104

4. ⁸(The mountains full high
they then up ascend:
If thou do but speak,
thy word they fulfil:
So likewise the valleys
most quickly descend,
remain they do still.)
⁹Their bonds hast thou set
how far they shall run,
So as in their rage
nor that pass they can:
For God hath appointed,
they shall not return
The earth to destroy more,
which made was for man.
5. ¹⁰He sendeth the springs
to strong streams or lakes,
Which run do full swift
among the huge hills.
¹¹Where both the wild asses
their thirst oft times slacks,
And beasts of the mountains
thereof drink their fills.
¹²By these pleasant springs
or fountains full fair,
The fowls of the air
abide shall and dwell:
Who moved by nature
to hop here and there,
Among the green branches
their songs shall excel.
6. ¹³The mountains moist
the clouds he doth use:
The earth with his works
are wholly replete.
¹⁴So as the brute cattle
he doth not refuse,
But grass doth provide them,
and herb for man's meat.
¹⁵Yea, bread, wine, and oil
he made for man's sake,
His face to refresh,
and heart to make strong.
¹⁶The cedars of Liban⁵⁵
this great Lord did make,
Which trees he doth nourish,
that grow up so long.
7. ¹⁷In these may birds build,

and make there their nest:

In fir trees the storks
remain and abide:

¹⁸The high hills are succours
for wild goats to rest,
And eke the rocks stony
for conies⁵⁶ to hide.

¹⁹The moon then is set
her seasons to run,
The days from the nights
thereby to discern:
And by the descending
also of the sun,
The cold from heat alway
thereby we do learn.

8. ²⁰When darkness doth come
by God's will and power,

Then creep forth do all
the beasts of the wood:

²¹The lions range roaring
their prey to devour.
But yet it is thou, Lord,
which givest them food.

²²As soon as the sun
is up, they retire.

To couch their dens
then are they full fain.

²³That man do his work may
as right doth require:
Till night come and call him
to take rest again.

9. ²⁴How sundry, O Lord,
are all thy works found:

With wisdom full great
they are indeed wrought:

So that the world all whole
of thy praise doth sound,

And as for thy riches,
they pass all men's thought.

²⁵So is the great sea,
which large is and broad,
Where things, that creep, swarm,
and beasts of each sort.

²⁶There both mighty ships fail,
and some lie at road:

The whale huge and monstrous
there also doth sport.

⁵⁵ Lebanon.

⁵⁶ Rabbits.

10. ²⁷All things on thee wait:
 thou dost them relieve,
And thou in due time
 full well dost them feed.
²⁸Now when it doth please thee
 the same so to give,
They gather full gladly
 those things which they need.
Thou openest thine hand,
 and they find such grace,
That they with good things
 are filled, we see:
²⁹But sore are they troubled,
 if thou turn thy face.
For if thou their breath take,
 vile dust then they be.
11. ³⁰Again, when thy spirit
 from thee doth proceed,
All things to appoint,
 and what shall ensue,
Then are they created,
 as thou hast decreed,
And dost by thy goodness
 the dry earth renew.
³¹The praise of the Lord
 forever shall last,
Who may in his works
 by right well rejoice.
³²His look can the earth make
 to tremble full fast,
And likewise the mountains
 to smoke at his voice.
12. ³³To this Lord and God
 sing will I always:
So long as I live,
 my God praise will I.
³⁴Then am I most certain
 my words shall him please:
I will rejoice in him,
 to him will I cry.
³⁵The sinners, O Lord,
 consume in thine ire,
And eke the perverse,
 them root out with shame:
But as for my soul, now
 let it still desire,
And say with the faithful,
 "Praise ye the Lord's name."