

Psalm 104

¹ I praise you, Lord God,
with all my heart.
You are glorious and majestic,
dressed in royal robes
² and surrounded by light.
You spread out the sky
like a tent,
³ and you built your home
over the mighty ocean.
The clouds are your chariot
with the wind as its wings.
⁴ The winds are your
messengers,
and flames of fire
are your servants.

⁵ You built foundations
for the earth, and it
will never be shaken.
⁶ You covered the earth
with the ocean that rose
above the mountains.
⁷ Then your voice thundered!
And the water flowed
⁸ down the mountains
and through the valleys
to the place you prepared.
⁹ Now you have set
boundaries,
so that the water will never
flood the earth again.

¹⁰ You provide streams of
water
in the hills and valleys,
¹¹ so that the donkeys
and other wild animals
can satisfy their thirst.
¹² Birds build their nests
nearby
and sing in the trees.
¹³ From your home above
you send rain on the hills
and water the earth.
¹⁴ You let the earth produce
grass for cattle,
plants for our food,
¹⁵ wine to cheer us up,
olive oil for our skin,
and grain for our health.

¹⁶ Our Lord, your trees
always have water,
and so do the cedars
you planted in Lebanon.
¹⁷ Birds nest in those trees,
and storks make their home
in the fir trees.
¹⁸ Wild goats find a home
in the tall mountains,
and small animals can hide
between the rocks.

¹⁹ You created the moon
to tell us the seasons.
The sun knows when to set,
²⁰ and you made the
darkness,
so the animals in the forest
could come out at night.
²¹ Lions roar as they hunt
for the food you provide.
²² But when morning comes,
they return to their dens,
²³ then we go out to work
until the end of day.

²⁴ Our Lord, by your wisdom
you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered
with your living
creatures.
²⁵ But what about the ocean
so big and wide?
It is alive with creatures,
large and small.
²⁶ And there are the ships,
as well as Leviathan,
the monster you created
to splash in the sea.