

## Psalm 104: Our Nourishing Creator

Read Psalm 104:5-23

In Psalm 104:1-4, the writer stands out in nature, looks up, and reflects on the fact that all the mighty, seemingly-uncontrollable elements of creation humbly serve God's will.

Now, in vv.5-13, he turns to perhaps the most uncontrollable element of all: water. In the original chaos of the unformed world, the mighty, chaotic waters covered everything (Genesis 1:2). Water still covers approximately two-thirds of the earth's surface. Uncontrolled water would wipe out all terrestrial life on this planet.

But God only had to speak, and the mighty waters humbly retreated into oceans, rivers, and streams. There, instead of threatening life, they sustain it.

The Creator is Lord of all. All the threatening elements in your life serve His purpose. And His purpose is to nurture all of life and to bring to it gladness, beauty, harmony, nourishment, and meaningful labor.

Consider this beautiful picture of our Creator who lovingly sustains all life:

*Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
Your judgments are like a great deep.  
O LORD, You preserve man and beast.  
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!  
And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.  
They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house;  
And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights.  
For with You is the fountain of life.  
In Your light we see light. (Psalm 36:5-9, NASB)*