

PSALM 104 vs 1

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The Old English word: **bless**... is one of those awkward words... that doesn't have much relevance in our culture. It comes from the word: **blood**... and is used in religious rites to confer prosperity, or to invoke divine care -- **the greater always blesses the inferior**. In Hebrew: baraki... means: **bend the knee**; to **kneel**; it is a sign of respect. **This is something the arrogant can't seem to do.**

We have no information as to the author, but the Septuagint assigns it to David, and we see no reason for ascribing it to anyone else.

Divisions: after bending his knee to the Lord, the psalmist sings of God's creation, the first and second days (1-6); then he describes the separation of the waters, and the produce of the third day (7-18); next the sun, moon and stars of the forth day (19-23); then to sing of the life the Lord made on the fifth and sixth days (24-30); and ending with a Sabbath hymn and prayer (31-35) – Charles Spurgeon.



A Psalm of David.

¹ Kneel to the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, You are very great; clothed with honor and majesty.

² Covered with light like clothing: stretching out the heavens like a curtain:

³ Who lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters: whose clouds are His chariot: who walks on the wings of the wind:

⁴ Who makes His angelic spirits messengers; His servants a flaming fire:

⁵ Who laid the earth on its foundation, that it does not always shake.

⁶ The deep You covered like a garment: above the mountains stood the waters.



Think about it: The metaphorical representation of beams, seems difficult to understand, but unless beams are substantial and strong, they will not be able to sustain the weight of an ordinary house, yet God is creating a universe – John Calvin, 1509-1564. How did David know that the heavens were expanding? We only discovered that in the early 1900s. And long ago the Lord decided this place needed a lesson and He shook the earth. This is our Father's world; He is not a Deist – He is not an absent Father: He is very active in His creation. The fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the skies continued pouring forth for 150 days when all the surface of the earth experienced great cataclysmic striation;

Check out: **Mount St. Helens 1980** -- **Noah's Flood** - evidence of a young earth.

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7 At Your rebuke they fled; at the voice of Your thunder they hurried away.

8 The mountains arose; the valleys descended to the place You established for them. / like some cataclysmic event that [Peter tells us, fool scientists intentionally ignore.](#)

9 A boundary You set **not to pass over; that they not again cover the **earth**.**

10 He sends springs in the valleys, which run among the hills;

11 every beast of the field drinks: the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Over them the fowls of heaven dwell, they sing among the branches.

13 He waters the hills from His upper chambers: with the fruit of His works, the **earth is satisfied.**

14 Grasslands grow for the cattle, and herbs for the labor of man: bringing forth food from the **earth;**

15 wine makes glad the heart of man; oil makes his face to shine, and bread strengthens man's heart.

16 Full of sap are the trees of the LORD; the cedars of Lebanon, that He planted;

17 where in it birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are its house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the cliffs for the rock-badgers.

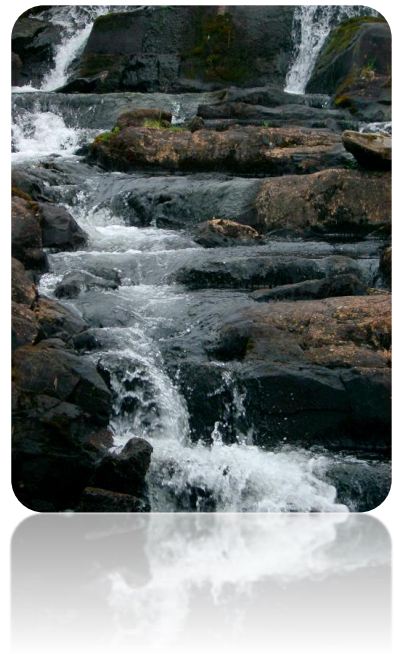
Think about it: They ran off with great speed. Just as a servant, when his master puts on a stern face, and speaks to him in a thundering, menacing manner, hurries away to do his will and work – John Gill, 1697-1771. As fast as the waters came, they went.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows its setting.

20 You make darkness, and it is night: in it creep forth all the living of the forest.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek from God their food.

22 The sun arises, they gather together; and in their dens, they lay down.



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23 Those of Adam go forth to work and to labor continually until evening.

Think about it: The moon was appointed to distinguish seasons; interpreters agree this is understood of the ordinary and appointed feasts – John Calvin. The next feast fulfilled by the Messiah is the day of Trumpets.

24 How manifold are Your works, O LORD! All skillfully made: and the earth is full of Your riches.

25 This sea, so great and wide; in it, creep innumerable living things, both small and great.

26 There the ships go: there leviathan You made to play in it.

27 All these wait for You to give them their food in time.

28 You give them, they gather: You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

29 You hide Your face, they are troubled: You take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

30 You send Your Spirit creating: You renew the face of the earth.

Think about it: This is our Father's world. An example of His artistry is discovered in what is called the [Fibonacci Sequence](#). 6 times Leviathan is mentioned in the OT; [and was this a dinosaur?](#) **Yes.** The word dinosaur was first used in the mid-1800s, long after the Bible was written; but we know the great beasts lived as recent as Marco Polo when he visited China in 1266.

31 Enduring is the glory of the LORD forever: the LORD rejoices in His works.

32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles: He touches the hills, and they smoke.

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³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ **Sweet is my meditation of Him: I am glad in the LORD.**

³⁵ **Let sinners be consumed from the earth, let the wicked be no more. Kneel to the LORD, O my soul.**

Check out: Our Brothers and Sisters Around The World Singing GOD'S Praise: [The Songlist](#) 

[This is my Father's world](#) ; [Science and the Beginning](#)

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We Came From Where?