

You would do well to read the Scripture text first or alongside this paraphrase. Please feel free to make comments.

Psalm 29 A Psalm of David (The LORD's voice is powerful)

¹⁻² All of you heavenly beings, shout praises to the LORD. Tell Him how glorious and powerful He is. Worship Him in the beauty of His presence, and give Him the glory and honor He rightfully deserves. You should do this for the following reasons:

³⁻⁴ 1) The voice of the LORD of glory emanates from the thick, dark storm clouds¹. Out of the clouds He causes lightning to strike with its accompanying thunder. That voice is powerful, and it is so impressive that men stand in awe of it.

⁵⁻⁶ 2) His voice generates high winds that knock down trees and lay them flat. At the same time He causes the reverberation of the thunder to shake the majestic forests of Lebanon along with its mountains and valleys. In fact, they shake like a young calf frolicking in the field.

⁷⁻⁸ 3) The voice of the LORD spits out hot lightning strikes, and the resulting thunder is so powerful that it literally causes the ground in the wilderness to shake.

⁹ 4) The voice of the LORD is so loud and powerful in the storm that it scares the deer into delivering their young prematurely, and its winds strip the forest of its trees. At the same time everything in the temple of God says, "Glory to God for His greatness and power."

¹⁰ He deserves such praise because He sits as King of the storms forever.
¹¹ Someday this same LORD with all of His power and glory will strengthen His people Israel and bless them with peace.

¹ "Waters" refers to "thick, dark storm clouds." Keil & Delitzsch commentary, part of E-Sword, version 10.0.5, Copyright © 2000-2012, Rick Meyers