

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the Lord is upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. (Psalm 29:3-6)*

The psalmist has seized upon the fearful spectacle of a thunderstorm in which to clothe his thoughts and to convey unto us some of the majesty, glory and power of Almighty God.

In a literal sense we hear the thunder rolling over the restless and turbulent waves of the seas, the oceans of all the earth. God is yet mighty above them. We see the mighty winds snapping the stalwart cedars of Lebanon's renowned forests, their undulating making the hills and valleys where they grow appear to leap and skip.

But, awesome as this sight is, it is but a poor figure of the majesty of the Creator demonstrated among men by His literal voice, the Word of God.

Waters, in the Scriptures, sometimes speak of the many peoples on the earth. There is no place on earth, no people where God has not spoken and revealed Himself. He speaks in His creation, His works, and His sovereign special revelation of His person.

Waters sometimes speak of our troubles, our sorrows, the evil that threatens us. Above them, also, we children of God recognize that He Who works all things together for our good is speaking to us.

God's Word snaps the "cedars" that stand in the way of our obedience to Him like matchsticks. That which we cannot get around or cut down, He removes by His voice of glory. Mountains, hills and valleys, that threaten to stop or change the course He has planned for our lives, rearrange themselves to suit His purpose.

His voice is full of majesty and glory. No power in the universe can challenge it; for the worlds themselves were created by His spoken Word. May we then cleave to Him Who speaks from everlasting to everlasting.

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