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Psalm 33

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17 A horse is a vain hope for salvation;
even its great strength cannot save.

18 Surely the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him,
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41 Overwhelmed with fear, they asked one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

Luke 8:25 “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him!”

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26 Indeed, God is great—beyond our knowledge;
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27 For He draws up drops of water
which distill the rain from the mist,

28 which the clouds pour out
and shower abundantly on mankind.

29 Furthermore, who can understand how the clouds spread
out,

how the thunder roars from His pavilion?

30 See how He scatters His lightning around Him
and covers the depths of the sea.

Job 36

31 For by these He judges the nations
and provides food in abundance.

32 He fills His hands with lightning
and commands it to strike its mark.

33 The thunder declares His presence;
even the cattle regard the rising storm.

Job 37

1“ At this my heart also pounds
and leaps from its place.

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2 Listen closely to the thunder of His voice
and the rumbling that comes from His mouth.

3 He unleashes His lightning beneath the whole sky
and sends it to the ends of the earth.

4 Then there comes a roaring sound;
He thunders with His majestic voice.

He does not restrain the lightning
when His voice resounds.

5 God thunders wondrously with His voice;
He does great things we cannot comprehend.

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6 For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'
and to the gentle rain, 'Pour out a mighty downpour.'

7 He seals up the hand of every man,
so that all men may know His work.

8 The wild animals enter their lairs;
they settle down in their dens.

9 The tempest comes from its chamber,
and the cold from the driving north winds.

10 By the breath of God the ice is formed
and the watery expanses are frozen.

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Psalm 147

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music on the harp to our God,

8 who covers the sky with clouds,
who prepares rain for the earth,
who makes grass to grow on the hills.

9 He provides food for the animals,
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10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse;
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15 He sends forth His command to the earth;
His word runs swiftly.

16 He spreads the snow like wool;
He scatters the frost like ashes;

17 He casts forth His hail like pebbles.
Who can withstand His icy blast?

18 He sends forth His word and melts them;
He unleashes His winds, and the waters flow.

Jeremiah 14

22 Can the worthless idols of the nations bring rain?
Do the skies alone send showers?
Is this not by You, O LORD our God?
So we put our hope in You,
for You have done all these things.

Amos 4

7“ I also withheld the rain from you when the harvest was
three months away.
I sent rain on one city but withheld it from another.
One field received rain; another without rain withered.

Jeremiah 10

12 God made the earth by His power;
He established the world by His wisdom
and stretched out the heavens by His understanding.

13 When He thunders, the waters in the heavens roar,
and He causes the clouds to rise from the ends of the earth.
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Psalm 107

28 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and He brought them out of their distress.

29 He calmed the storm to a whisper,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

30 They rejoiced in the silence,
and He guided them to the harbor they desired.

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From where does my help come?

2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 Behold, he who keeps Israel
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Psalm 121

5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
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7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
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