

PSALM 89 - Remembering the Covenant with David, and Sorrow for Lost Blessings!

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God's Covenant with David: (2Sa 7:12-16) *"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. [14] I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. [15] But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. [16] And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS! *Chisholm; Runyan – Fetke (2:49)*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain*

Psalms 89 Psalm eighty-nine starts out with singing the promises that God made to David concerning the kingdom. How David was going to reign and how His seed and posterity would continue. Yet the psalm was written after the captivity when the throne was empty, and it seems as though God did not keep the covenant that He had made with David.

It starts out on a high-note but it ends with a question. "Lord, in as much as You promised to David, how is it that You have not kept [fulfilled] that promise?" Now it must be noted that the doubt was in the psalmists' mind because he didn't see the whole picture. We are prone to judge the story from that place where we are right now, happening to be in a dark chapter and everything is coming down. It looks like it's all over, but I haven't come to the next chapter yet. In the next chapter, things begin to unravel and I begin to see. By the time I get to the end it's glorious. You see, you go through some dark valleys before you get to this mountain top. What the psalmist did not understand is that God gave the promises to David, He made the covenant with David and that covenant with David shall be fulfilled though the progeny of David was cut off from the throne from the Babylonian captivity after Zerubbabel. Yet the promise was made to David's seed, Jesus Christ, Who shall reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

PSALM 89 – I Will Sing of the Steadfast Love of the Lord - A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.

Vs. 1-4 -Affirmation of the faithfulness of the LORD

Psa 89:1 I will sing of the mercies (5x) of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

- The mercies of God, the faithfulness of God. Surely they are themes for our psalms.

Psa 89:2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness (6x) You shall establish in the very heavens."

- The mercy, the faithfulness of God.

Psa 89:3 "I have made a covenant (4x) with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

- Now he is reminding God of what God has said. God makes a declaration.

Psa 89:4 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.' " Selah

- God is faithful. God is merciful and God has made the covenant with David! He has sworn to David that his seed will be established forever, and God will build up the throne to all generations. The fact that they were presently in captivity and the throne in Jerusalem was empty. caused the psalmist to feel that somehow God had failed. He goes on though to talk more of this.

Vs. 5-14 – Praising and magnifying the LORD for His power, justice and mercy.

Psa 89:5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

- The heavens there isn't a reference to just the sky but it is those who are in the heavens, the angels.

Psa 89:6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

- God stands alone, unique, he is without comparison, he is the infinite and eternal God. Being the infinite there are no grounds for comparison for the finite. The disparity between the two is so great that you cannot make analogies or comparisons really that will hold.

Psa 89:7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

- Our worship of God, our standing in awe of God.

Psa 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

- The incomparable God.

Psa 89:9 You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

- The winds and the waves obey His voice.
- *You rule the raging of the sea: when he waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.* Does that remind you of anything in the New Testament? Remember when Jesus was going across with his disciples to Gennesaret and the storm came up? Jesus was asleep in the back part of the boat and the disciples were trying to bail the water out. Finally, they were in a losing cause, the boat was filling. They came back to Jesus who was there asleep and said, "Master don't you care that we're perishing?" He stood up and rebuked the wind and the waves and immediately there was a great calm.
- The winds and the waves obey His voice!

Psa 89:10-11 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. [11] The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

- God, You rule over the heavens! You rule over the earth, and You have established them!

Psa 89:12-13 The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name. [13] You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

- All causes for praise!

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Vs. 15-18 – Happiness of the people who have such a God to be their glory and defense.

Psa 89:15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

- Now the psalm is all upbeat you notice! It is glorious! Telling of the glories of God, the greatness of God, the power of God, the justice of God and the truth and the mercies of God! How blessed are the people that know the Lord, that know the joyful sound of his glory and presence!

Psa 89:16 In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

Psa 89:17 For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

Psa 89:18 For our shield belongs to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

- Who is the Holy One of Israel? Even Jesus our king.

Vs. 19-37 – Rehearsing the covenant at full length with delight.

Psa 89:19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

Psa 89:20 I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

- Lord, You are great! You are marvelous! You are the Lord. You are incomparable. However, You have established David! You have anointed him with Your holy oil. Remember how Samuel came down to the house of Jesse? He asked to see his sons and one by one God rejected the sons of Jesse until David was finally brought in. Then Samuel took the oil and poured it on David. Anointed by God over Israel.

Psa 89:21 With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.

- *With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him (89:21).*
- God's promise to David, I will establish him, and I will strengthen him.

Psa 89:22 The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

- That is, he will not fall to the enemies and have to pay tribute to the enemies. The exacting of a tribute or a tax.
- He will be victorious over the wicked.

Psa 89:23 I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.

- As you follow the story of the life of David, God did anoint him, God did bless him, and God did give him victory over his enemies. God did give him victory over the wicked, over Absalom and others that had devised to David's hurt. God did beat down his foes.

Psa 89:24 "But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

Psa 89:25 Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers.

- That is, I will expand the territory in which he rules over, which the Lord did.

Psa 89:26 He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Psa 89:27 Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

- This is where the psalmist takes a leap from David and begins to speak of the seed of David, Jesus Christ the Messiah!
- The firstborn in the Hebrew does not reference to the firstborn as we think of it in English. I'm the firstborn son of my parents but in Hebrew I would not necessarily be the firstborn. The firstborn in the Hebrew is the one of first prominence of those who are born.
- The firstborn is the one who excels above the others. Not necessarily speaking of the time of birth born before the other but the one who excels above the other. So, the descendent Jesus Christ, the one who is the first born.
- The exalted place of Jesus Christ wherefore God has given to Him a name that is above every name. "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess!" In Revelation that glorious Hallelujah chorus "King of kings and Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah".

Psa 89:28 My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.

- Who? With Jesus. The covenant that he made with David will be fulfilled in Jesus. The mercies will be upon Jesus.

Psa 89:29 His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

- Who is His seed? You and I born of Jesus Christ. In John, it says, "Whosoever is born of God does not practice or live habitually in sin for His seed is in him and he cannot practice sin. I am born of God, born again through Jesus Christ and thus his seed also will I make to endure forever. I am going to live forever with my Lord. A glorious promise.

Psa 89:30 "If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,

Psa 89:31 If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,

Psa 89:32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.

- If you are a child of God and you begin to stray, God is going to chasten you. If you have been able to get away with wickedness and evil then be careful, look out for he chastises every son who he receives. If you can do evil and get by with it then it would be a strong indication that you're not really a son of God. God

holds you to a higher standard than to others. Others may be able to get by with it. That is not fair! I only tried it once and I got caught.” God’s not going to let you get by with it. You’re His child, that’s different you see. They’re not His children, they can get by with it. Being a child of God, God will visit you with a rod.

Psa 89:33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

- God, in His faithfulness, brings us back. He chastises us, yes. We go through the experience of the rod, yes. The chastening process is yes. It is to bring me back into that fellowship with him. God’s faithfulness in the correction of his children. That is why I am not to despise the chastening of the Lord “for whom the Lord loves, He chastens,” the sign of God’s love for me.

Psa 89:34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Psa 89:35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:

Psa 89:36 His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;

- God said it, “I’ve sworn”. The psalmist is reminding God that this is what he said.

Psa 89:37 It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

- That’s it, Selah, the end of it. God You’ve sworn it, You’ve declared it.

Vs. 38-51 – Closing with a hearty benediction and a double Amen.

Psa 89:38 But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed.

Psa 89:39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

- I do not understand God. This is what You have said, this is what You have declared. You are the Lord, You are incomparable and You’re faithful and yet Lord, look at the desolation. The seed of David has been cut off. There is not one on the throne. He is judging from incomplete knowledge. A thing that we are prone to do but is always a dangerous thing to do. Get all of the facts before making your judgement. We are so prone to be hasty in condemning God because of the things that are transpiring in our lives that we do not understand at the moment.

Psa 89:40 You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

- The hedges were placed along the vineyards to protect them. The hedges are broken down. A wall of protection has been broken down. The strongholds are lying in ruins. Jerusalem was wasted, the walls of the city were destroyed.

Psa 89:41 All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach (5x) to his neighbors.

- It became a place of people going in and just ripping off stuff. They go in and go through the rubble and rip off whatever might be there. The city was spoiled. It was a reproach to the neighbors round about.

Psa 89:42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice.

Psa 89:43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle.

- Yet God had promised that He would not be afflicted by the sons of wickedness and that He would beat down His foes. Yet, Lord, it seems like the opposite has happened.

Psa 89:44 You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground.

Psa 89:45 The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame. Selah

- The psalmist is declaring his frustration because he cannot put two and two together, equaling four. Here’s the faithfulness of God, the mercies of God, the promises of God, the greatness of God, the power of God and the covenant of God and yet here is Jerusalem torn down. The throne is empty, the place is in ruins and he can’t balance it.
- Going into the final strophe of the psalm now. It’s sort of a plea of “Lord when are You going to do something and when are things going to change?”

Psa 89:46 How long, LORD? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire?

Psa 89:47 Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men?

- Lord, is this going to be it? Is this the destiny? Why have You made men in vain? Why have You created this emptiness?

***Psa 89:48 What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?
Selah***

- Seems like life is so short, we are cut off and we do not see the fulfillment of the purposes of the promise of God.
- God promised that the seed of David would be there forever. Who is he that does not die? Who is it that could come forth from the grave? I know but I have the whole story.

Psa 89:49 Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to David in Your truth?

Psa 89:50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,

- God, they are reproaching us. We are a curse. We are a by-word and we have to take all kinds of guff from these people.

Psa 89:51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

- (*Isa 37:17-35*) That is really the end of the psalm. This last verse is just an appendage, which brings us to the close of the third book with the psalms. Each of the books of the psalms ends with this Amen and Amen.

Psa 89:52 Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen and Amen. Psa 88:1 O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

- That is the appendage. The cry of the psalmist is really a legitimate cry in that from the circumstances that he can see at this point, it would seem that God had broken the covenant with David and the word of God. If God does not come through by Friday then I know that He doesn't answer prayer because Friday is the deadline. If it doesn't happen by Friday then it's too late.
- Judging from partial knowledge is always a dangerous thing. The mistake that the psalmist made is one that we make but we must not make it. Let's not judge the story until we read the final chapter and we find that God rules over all.

BLESSED BE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! Maranatha praise band - 2:32

*Father in heaven how we love you we lift your name in all the earth
may your kingdom be establish in our praises as your people declare your mighty works
Blessed be the Lord God almighty who was and is and is to come
Blessed be the Lord God almighty who reigns forever more*

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Who reigns forever more!*

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