



## GOD REVEALS HIS FAITHFULNESS

**Psalm 89**

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We have studied six praise psalms thus far from Books One, Two & Four. Today, we will look at the end of Book Three as we study Psalm 89, which is also known as a binding psalm for Book Three & Four. The psalm opens joyfully, but closes with a heavy lament. The issue at the heart of the psalm is the Davidic covenant. The psalm describes the author's attempt to reconcile contradictions between his theology and the reality of his nation Israel falling short of God's standard.

"When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall 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 to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, **15** but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. **16** And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." **2 Samuel 7:12-16**

### **Psalm 89:1-18**

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. **2** For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." **3** You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: **4** 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah **5** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! **6** For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, **7** a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? **8** O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? **9** You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. **10** You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. **11** The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. **12** The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. **13** You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand. **14** Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. **15** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, **16** who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. **17** For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. **18** For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel."

- God REVEALS His FAITHFULNESS to the Davidic Covenant (v. 1-37)

### 1. God's COVENANT LOVE (v. 1-4)

### 2. God's PRAISEWORTHINESS (v. 5-18)

- ANGELIC BEINGS gather for praise. (v5-7)
- SEAS, SKIES & MOUNTAINS bring praise. (v8-12)
- PEOPLE who SHOUT, WALK & EXULTS. (v15-18)

### 3. God's COVENANT with DAVID (v. 19-37)

- God's PROMISE gives David strength needed to CARRY OUT his divinely tasks. (v 19-23)
- God's faithfulness and STEADFAST LOVE are throughout the psalm. (v 24-26)
- A place of HONOR and a double portion of INHERITANCE is given to a chosen person that is elevated as "FIRSTBORN". (v 27-29)

"For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you" Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? **Hebrews 1:5**

"Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope." **Hebrews 3:6**

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." **Colossians 1:15**

"And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." **Ephesians 1:22-23**

"For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers." **Romans 8:29**

## **Psalm 89:30-37**

"If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules, **31** if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, **32** then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, **33** but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness. **34** I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. **35** Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. **36** His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. **37** Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies."

- God DISCIPLINES and NEGLECTS of the Davidic Covenant (v. 38-52)

### **1. The Psalmist's LAMENT (v. 38-45)**

### **2. The Psalmist's DISTRESS (v.46-51)**

- Knowledge of a future hope and promise still DOES NOT remove the present-AFFLICTION that causes lament or mourning. (v 46-51)

"For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. **5** Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days." **Hosea 3:4-5**

### **3. The DOXOLOGY (v. 52)**

- David and the psalmist knew the COVENANT would be fulfilled, but could not know WHEN or HOW it would occur.

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption."

**Acts 2:29-31**

- CHRIST came to take the THRONE of David FOREVER. (v. 35-37)

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." **Isaiah 9:6-7**

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David," **Luke 1:32**

"that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." **Luke 22:30**

### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.