

A Covenant Made in Lovingkindness and Faithfulness

Psalm 89

Trinity Bible Church - Adult Sunday School Class
“The Psalms: From Promise to Praise” – Lesson 3
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Introduction

- ◆ The Psalms: Instruction in the Way of Righteousness
 - ◆ Psalm 1: The Righteous man Vs. the Wicked man
- ◆ Background to Psalm 89
 - ◆ Writer: Ethan the Ezrahite
 - ◆ Date: During Rehoboam's reign or during the captivity of Israel
 - ◆ Context: A time of great judgment upon the Davidic line
- ◆ The purpose of Psalm 89
 - ◆ To praise the eternally faithful and loving God
 - ◆ To pray for deliverance from judgment
 - ◆ To teach us to trust in Yahweh

Outline

- ◇ My Outline of Psalm 89
 - ◇ Introduction/Theme (1-4)
 - ◇ Praise to the loving and faithful King (5-18)
 - ◇ The Covenant Promises of the Lord (19-37)
 - ◇ The Lord's Judgment upon his anointed (38-45)
 - ◇ A Prayer to the loving and faithful King (46-51)
 - ◇ Conclusion/Doxology (52)

I Will Sing of the Lord's Faithfulness Forever

- ◇ What is the Psalmist's thesis?
 - ◇ The Lord is eternally loving (Vs. 1a)
 - ◇ The Lord is faithful (Vs. 1b)
 - ◇ The Lord has promised to establish David's throne and his seed forever (Vs. 4)
- ◇ Emphasis placed on two aspects of God's character
 - ◇ God's Covenantal love
 - ◇ God's eternal faithfulness

Praise to the God of Heaven and Earth

- ◇ God's greatness is shown in the heavens (vs. 5)

- ◇ The heavens themselves declare his glory

- ◇ The hosts of angels praise his faithfulness

- ◇ God's greatness is incomparable (vs. 6-7)

- ◇ There are none in heaven or Earth to compare to God

- ◇ His might and glory are to be had in reverence

- ◇ God's might is shown on the Earth (8-13)

- ◇ He rules over the raging seas

- ◇ He overcomes all his adversaries

- ◇ He is creator and owner of all things

Praise to the God of Heaven and Earth

- ◇ God's goodness is praised by His people (14-18)
 - ◇ God praised as our gracious ruler and king
 - ◇ God praised for the blessings He bestows upon His people
 - ◇ God praised as the one who upholds His people

Covenant Promises and Judgments

◆ The Covenant Promises (vs. 19-37)

- ◆ I have chosen and anointed David as king
- ◆ My arm will be with him and strengthen him
- ◆ I will preserve and give victory over the enemy
- ◆ I will show him covenantal love and faithfulness
- ◆ I will establish his offspring and throne as long as the sun and moon endure

◆ The Judgments of the Lord

- ◆ You have rejected and cast off your anointed
- ◆ Your arm is against him and strengthens the enemy
- ◆ You have caused the enemy to triumph
- ◆ You have cut off his throne in its youth

A Prayer to the Faithful King

- ◆ The Psalmist's 1st request

- ◆ Forgive us and turn away your wrath
- ◆ If you do not intervene... we will be cast down to death

- ◆ The Psalmist's 2nd request

- ◆ Show us your covenant love and faithfulness
- ◆ Vindicate yourself and your people before the nations

- ◆ The Psalmist's Doxology

- ◆ Blessed be the Lord forever