

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Rhema Christian Center Triumphant Tuesday-Bible Study

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Psalm 89

- Psalms-Temple Hymn Book for public and private use
- The Psalms are outlined in 5 books:
 - Book 1-Psalm 1-41 Book 2-Psalm 42-72 Book 3-Psalm 73-89
 - Book 4- Psalm 90-106 Book 5-Psalm 107-150
- The 5 sections of Psalms correspond with the first 5 books of Moses-Genesis to Deuteronomy
- Psalm 89 ends Book 3 of the Psalms
- Messianic Psalm-Any Psalm relating to, in large part, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Psalm 89-Speaks to, reaffirms, the Davidic Covenant fulfilled through the Messiah, Jesus Christ.....even in our failures God is able to rescue His promise, if necessary, to fulfill it

Composer:

- Ethan the Ezrahite:
 - Served under David and Solomon; Singer at King David's court
 - Strong, optimistic, solid, enduring, known for his wisdom
 - Only wrote one Psalm, Psalm 89

Overview:

Vs. 1-2: Praise for God's mercy and faithfulness

Vs. 3-4: God's covenant with David

Vs. 5-14: Praise and adoration to God's glory, perfection, and greatness

Vs. 15-18: 8 Blessings of the just; those in communion with the Lord

Vs. 19-29: Speaks of God's Blessing and promise to David

Vs. 30-37: Davidic Covenant will be kept

Vs. 38-45: Ethan laments; complaint God has broken the covenant

Vs. 46-49: Protest with God over the state of affairs

Vs. 50-52: Prayer of restoration

Psalm 89

Remembering the Covenant with David, and Sorrow for Lost Blessings

A ^[a]Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- Begins with joy and praise; ends with complaints and petitions
- At this time David's house was in despair
- Ethan grieves the disgrace done to David's house

Vs. 1-2: Declaration of Praise for God's mercy and faithfulness

89 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever;

Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

- Mercies is plural; sing of the Lord's many mercies and unfailing love that last forever
- Ethan wanted others, both young and old, to know of God's mercies and faithfulness

Read: Psalm 119:89

Vs. 3-4: God's covenant with David

³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen,

I have sworn to My servant David:

⁴ 'Your seed I will establish forever,

And build up your throne to all generations.' "*Selah*

- God's promise, given to David through the Prophet Nathan, The Davidic Covenant:
 1. Make his name great; Establish a home for Israel
 2. Keep the people from oppression; Subdue all thine enemies
 3. Establish a house for David through his descendants
 4. Lord will build His house
 5. Never take His love from him or his offspring

Read: 2 Samuel 7:8-16; Isaiah 9:7; 1 Kings 8:16

Vs. 5-14:Praise and adoration to God's glory, perfection, and greatness

⁵ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

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?

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

⁸ O Lord God of hosts,
Who *is* mighty like You, O Lord?
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;

¹⁰ You have broken ^[b]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.

¹² 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.

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

- Vs. 6 Ethan repeats David's declaration
- We cannot compare God to anything; we stand in awe, reverential fear, in a great, great God
- Lord God, Yahweh, Jehovah, we Praise You, Heaven's Army/Host Praise You
- None can compare to You; God you make still the raging sea, subdue the storms and break down pride
- Rahab (proud one), another name for Egypt, one of Isreal's enemies, God broke
- God is exalted; there is no other God; only God creates and maintains
- Everything is God's; God created it all; God's creation, the mountains, praise Him; God is Mighty, Powerful, Glorious in Strength

Read: Psalm 86:8

Vs. 15-18: 8 Blessings of the just; those in communion with the Lord

¹⁵ Blessed *are* the people who know the joyful sound!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance.

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

¹⁷ For You *are* the glory of their strength,
And in Your favor our ^[c]horn is exalted.

¹⁸ For our shield *belongs* to the Lord,
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

- 8 Blessings of the just; those who have learned to enter into worship
God

1. Happy/Blessed
2. Experience God's steadfast love and faithfulness
3. Walk in God's presence
4. Rejoice all day long exalted in God
5. God is our strength/horn
6. We have favor
7. Our shield and protection come from God
8. God is our king, Holy One of Israel

Vs. 19-29: Speaks of God's Blessing and promise to David

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

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

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

²² The enemy shall not ^[e]outwit him,
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

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

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

²⁵ Also I will set his hand over the sea,
And his right hand over the rivers.
²⁶ He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'
²⁷ Also I will make him *My* firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
²⁸ My mercy I will keep for him forever,
And My covenant shall stand firm with him.
²⁹ His seed also I will make *to endure* forever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.

○ God spoke to His holy one, Nathan, prophet, of the blessings and promises regarding David:

1. Give help (vs. 19)
2. Exalted from among the people (vs. 19)
3. Elected (vs. 19)
4. Anointed (vs. 20)
5. Established (vs. 21)
6. Strengthen (vs. 21)
7. Protected (vs. 22)
8. Vindication (vs. 23)
9. God will give him His faithfulness (vs. 24)
10. Unfailing love/mercy (vs. 24)
11. Grow in power (vs. 24)
12. Have dominion (vs. 25)
13. God will be his Father (vs. 26)
14. Rights of the firstborn (vs.27)
15. God's mercy and love will be with him forever (vs.28)

Read: 2 Samuel 7:8-16; Luke 10:22; Mark 11:27

Vs. 30-37: Davidic Covenant will be kept

³⁰ "If his sons forsake My law
And do not walk in My judgments,
³¹ If they break My statutes
And do not keep My commandments,

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

³³ Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not ^[g]utterly take from him,
Nor ^[h]allow My faithfulness to fail.

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

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

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

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

- To come into the blessings, God's people must obey and keep His commandments
- Break God's statues receive the rod of correction
- Never stop loving God
- Just as there is a sun and a moon God is faithful to His promise
- God will never fail to keep His promises

Read: Numbers 23:19

Vs. 38-45: Ethan laments; complaint God has broken the covenant

³⁸ But You have cast off and abhorred,^[i]
You have been furious with Your ^[j]anointed.

³⁹ You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
You have ^[k]profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

⁴⁰ You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his ^[l]strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹ All who pass by the way plunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.

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

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

44 You have made his ^[m]glory cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.

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

Ethan's tone shifts; Lord I remember but this crisis

- It is unknown what the specific crisis is but Ethan is emotionally struggling
- There is a present trouble that makes Ethan cry out
- God where is your faithfulness; God where are you?
- Ethan knew God's promises, but he felt like God had turned His back and forgotten His people
- Everything seems out of control/falling apart
- Walls of protection broken down; God's people are being robbed and made a joke
- God has strengthened the enemies; David's sword is useless
- God is refusing to help; God's rejected us; God is angry with David
- God's made David old before his time; a public disgrace
- Ethan sorrows over the things going on

Vs. 46-49: Protest with God over the state of affairs

46 How long, Lord ?

Will You hide Yourself forever?

Will Your wrath burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is;

For what futility have You created all the children of men?

48 What man can live and not ^[n]see death?

Can he deliver his life from the power of ^[o]the grave? *Selah*

49 Lord, where *are* Your former loving kindnesses,

Which You swore to David in Your truth?

- Ethan pours out plea to God; Poses questions to God
- Ethan reminds God, no one can live forever; all will die

Vs. 50-52: Prayer of restoration

⁵⁰ Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants—

How I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples,

⁵¹ With which Your enemies have reproached, O Lord,

With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your ^[p]anointed.

⁵² Blessed *be* the Lord forevermore!

Amen and Amen.

- Ethan appeals to God regarding His promises
- Ethan is carrying in his heart the insults of the people
- Ethan reminds God....God remember they are mocking You.
- Praise in the midst of pain and distress

Reflection:

- The Davidic Covenant is established in the coming of Jesus Christ.
- When our hearts are overwhelmed because of the things going on around us and we don't know what to do or which way to turn, cry out to God.
- Remember God's promises; our confidence is in God's word and the Person of Jesus Christ
- Worship and give thanks no matter what.

Resources

Bible:

New King James

New International

Spirit Filled Life

Websites:

Enduringword.com

Biblegateway.com

Blueletterbible.org

Christianity.com

Workingpreacher.org

Study Tool Commentaries:

Charles Spurgeon

David Guzik

Charles Stanley