Psalm 89

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INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 89 is connected to another important event in David's life, and I decided to focus on that one this morning instead.
- The covenant that God had made with David back in 2 Samuel chapter 7. That David's descendant would reign on the throne, and that would be an eternal kingdom, a kingdom that would last forever.

1 A Psalm of the Covenant

Psalm 89:1–4; 2 Samuel 7

- I have made a covenant with my chosen. I have sworn to David, my servant, I will establish your seed forever and build up your throne to all generations.
- The promise to David is sure because God is faithful.
- This is not something that David had earned, but it is God's love to him. It is his loving kindness in making this promise to David.
- Nine times in the Psalm, you'll find the word forever, speaking of God's promises to David. And so this is a Psalm of the Covenant.

2 Sure Because of Who God Is

Psalm 89:5–18; Psalm 87:4; Isaiah 51:9

- That there is none like God. That in all the heavenly hosts, there is none like him. He is supreme.
- The sea could symbolize something that is scary, frightening, uncontrollable, and yet God is master of the sea.
- There is nothing that God cannot control. There is nothing that God cannot conquer. There is nothing that God is not greater than.
- God is holy. The very foundation of his throne is righteousness and justice, loving kindness and truth go forth from him.

3 The Covenant God Had Made With David

Psalm 89:19–37

- I have found David, my servant, with my holy oil I have anointed him.
- No matter who the foe was, whether they were the Moabites or the Philistines or the Ammonites, God crushed them before David.
- But I will not break off my loving kindness from him, nor deal falsely in my faithfulness. My covenant I will not violate.
- God said, I will punish them. I'll afflict them sorely. I will punish them with rods. Yet I will not break my covenant with David.

4 The Psalmist Laments

Psalm 89:38–52; 1 Chronicles 15

- In a prophetic sense, he may be looking forward to a time when David's descendants are slain.
- You have spurned the covenant of your servant. You have profaned his crown in the dust.
- Where are your former loving kindnesses, O Lord, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?
- Rather than a casting of false charges against God, there's a seeking for understanding.

5 A Righteous Branch From David

Jeremiah 23:5; Acts 2:29–31

- Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I'll raise up for David a righteous branch, and he'll reign as king and act wisely.
- Because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on the throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ.
- And so God's covenant with David was sure. God had been faithful in issuing his loving kindness to David. It did not come in the ways that men would think.

6 He Who Promised Is Faithful

- We think of those wonderful spiritual promises that God has made. The forgiveness of our sins.
- If we're thinking of health and wealth, then we've mistaken what God promised.
- If you're going to hold on to something, then that's what you've got to hold on to. That he who promised is faithful.
- God actually gave David something better. A descendant from David's line who reigns eternal at God's own right hand.
- Now that kingdom is extended not just to Israel in the flesh, but is extended to all those who become Israel by the Spirit.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But to have that, you must become a part of his covenant. And to become a part of his covenant, you must come to him through his son.**

MY NOTES