

Hope through Covenant

Psalm 89

#1: God's Steadfast Love (vs. 1-4)

¹ 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

2 Samuel 7:12b-13

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.

#2: A Praise Break (vs. 5-8)

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?

1 Timothy 1:16-17

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost [sinner],
Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in
him for eternal life.

¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and
ever. Amen.

#3: The Lord's Power over Creation (vs. 9-14)

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 (made) 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.*

#4: Blessed are those who Walk with God (vs. 15-18)

- 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.*

#5: God's Covenant with David—Revisited (vs. 19-37)

- ¹⁹ Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:
 *"I have granted help to one who is mighty;
 I have exalted one chosen from the people.*
- ²⁰ *I have found David, my servant;
 with my holy oil I have anointed him,*
- ²¹ *so that my hand shall be established with him;
 my arm also shall strengthen him.*
- ²² *The enemy shall not outwit him;
 the wicked shall not humble him.*
- ²³ *I will crush his foes before him
 and strike down those who hate him.*
- ²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
 and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- ²⁵ *I will set his hand on the sea
 and his right hand on the rivers.*
- ²⁶ He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
 my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'
- ²⁷ And I will make him the firstborn,
 the highest of the kings of the earth.
- ²⁸ My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
 and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- ²⁹ I will establish his offspring forever
 and his throne as the days of the heavens.
- ³⁰ 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.” *Selah*

#6: The Unfaithfulness of God’s People (vs. 38-45)

³⁸ *But now you have cast off and rejected;
 you are full of wrath against your anointed.*
³⁹ *You have renounced the covenant with your servant;
 you have defiled his crown in the dust.*
⁴⁰ *You have breached all his walls;
 you have laid his strongholds in ruins.*
⁴¹ *All who pass by plunder him;
 he has become the scorn of his neighbors.*
⁴² *You have exalted the right hand of his foes;
 you have made all his enemies rejoice.*
⁴³ *You have also turned back the edge of his sword,
 and you have not made him stand in battle.*
⁴⁴ *You have made his splendor to cease
 and cast his throne to the ground.*
⁴⁵ *You have cut short the days of his youth;
 you have covered him with shame. Selah*

#7: Ethan’s Plea (vs. 46-52)

⁴⁶ *How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?
 How long will your wrath burn like fire?*
⁴⁷ *Remember how short my time is!
 For what vanity you have created all the children of man!*
⁴⁸ *What man can live and never see death?
 Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah*
⁴⁹ *Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,
 which by your faithfulness you swore to David?*

⁵⁰ Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,
⁵¹ with which your enemies mock, O Lord,
with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.
⁵² Blessed be the Lord forever!
Amen and Amen.

#8: Five Reminders in the Storm

1. God's Steadfast Love
2. God's Power
3. God's Sustaining Grace
4. God's Covenant
5. God's King