

Psalm 89
I Will Establish Your Line Forever

Introduction

1. Author: Ethan the Ezrahite (**1 Kings 4:31**)
2. Historical Setting: 1000 BC, after death of Solomon
3. Messianic Psalm – Christ is the Fulfillment of the Covenant to King David (**2 Sam 7; Hb 1:5, Rom 1:3**)
4. Structure: 1st 37 Verses are an explanation of the Covenant to David, Applied to Christ; 6 Stanzas
5. This is a Song about God's Faithfulness
(Mentioned 7 times – vv. 1, 2, 5, 8, 14, 24, 33)

Main Point of Psalm 89

God is faithful to keep His covenant to David. David's Seed, God's Son, is the Ultimate fulfillment of this Psalm.

God's Faithfulness: Root of the Coming Messiah (vv 1-4)

1. God had Unmerited Grace and Love for King David
2. 5 Times David is Mentioned – vv. 3, 20-21, 35, 49
3. The Davidic Covenant: **1 Chronicles 17:11-13**
(Mentioned 4 Times – vv. 3-4, 28, 34, 39)
4. This Promise Points to the Coming Messiah whose Kingdom would be Without End
5. Christians are Bound to the Messiah because God is Faithful to Keep His Covenant to David

God's Faithfulness: Fills the Whole Of Creation (vv 5-12)

1. The Heavenly Response: Worship (vv. 5-6)
2. No one is On Par with God, No Equal, No Rival
3. The Praise is Awe filled Worship; Reverent because God is Feared (v. 7)
4. God is Mighty and Victorious in the Earth (vv. 8-12)
 - a. The Sea – the Red Sea; The Exodus
 - b. Rahab = Egypt (**Isaiah 30:7**)
 - c. The Sea – In ANE, the belief was monsters, dragons, giant serpents inhabited the Sea
 - d. The Dragon – Satan, the Spiritual Enemy behind Rahab (Egypt) (**Isaiah 51:9-10**)

5. All Points on the Compass were Created by the Lord; God owns it ALL (vv 11-12) – The Earth Worships

God's Faithfulness: Saving Power of His People (vv 13-18)

1. God has Unlimited Power on Our Behalf
2. Four Pillars of God's Throne (vv 13-14):
Righteousness, Justice, Lovingkindness, Faithfulness
3. What This Does For Us: Blesses and Enriches –
We Are The Redeemed! (vv 15-16)
4. His Salvation Gives Us Strength (vv 17-18)
5. Jesus Is Our Victor!

God's Faithfulness: Exhibited in Jesus Christ (vv 19-29)

1. Points back to King David in **2 Samuel 7**, but also forward to Christ Jesus as King
2. **Verse 23** – The King will Crush His foes (**Gen 3:15**)
 - a. God Saves through the King!
3. **Verse 24** – The Purposes of God: Save A People through the Might of Adam's/David's Descendant; Exercises Dominion over the Earth
4. **Verses 26-27 (2 Sam 7:14)** – Firstborn does NOT mean Jesus was created; It means He is the Preeminent One! The King of Kings! (**Phil 2:9-11**)

God's Faithfulness: Assures Eternal Life (vv. 30-37)

1. The Lineage of King David is Checkered (vv 30-32); the descendants do Not compare to THE Descendant
2. God's Oath: The King Will Reign Forever (vv 33-37)
3. The Elect will Reign With Him (**2 Tim 2:10-12a**)

God's Faithfulness: Believed In Any Condition (vv. 38-52)

1. Ethan is Perplexed – Has God Abandoned His Covenant????
2. **Verse 48:** What Man can never see death and deliver his soul from the power of death? (**1 Cor 15:54-56**)
3. **Verse 58** – Ethan does not lose Hope or Faith in His Faithful God, even though the situation is difficult
4. **When We Don't Understand, God Is Still Faithful!**