

## Psalm 89 - A psalm of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the tender mercies of the **LORD** forever! Young and old will hear of your **faithfulness**.

2 Your unfailing love will last forever. Your **faithfulness** is as enduring as the heavens.

3 The **LORD** said, "I have made a **solemn agreement** with David, my chosen servant. I have sworn this oath to him:

4 'I will establish your descendants as kings forever; they will sit on your **throne** from now until eternity.' "

*Interlude*

5 All heaven will praise your miracles, **LORD**; myriads of angels will praise you for your **faithfulness**.

6 For who in all of heaven can compare with the **LORD**? What mightiest angel is anything like the **LORD**?

7 The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God. He is far more awesome than those who surround his **throne**.

8 O **LORD** God Almighty! Where is there anyone as mighty as you, **LORD**? **Faithfulness** is your very character.

9 You are the one who rules the oceans. When their waves rise in fearful storms, you subdue them.

10 You are the one who crushed the great sea monster. You scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

11 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything in the world is yours—you created it all.

12 You created north and south. Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon praise your name.

13 Powerful is your arm! Strong is your hand! Your right hand is lifted high in glorious strength.

14 Your **throne** is founded on two strong pillars—righteousness and justice. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

15 Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, **LORD**.

16 They rejoice all day long in your wonderful reputation. They exult in your righteousness.

17 You are their glorious strength. Our power is based on your favor.

18 Yes, our protection comes from the **LORD**, and he, the Holy One of Israel, has given us our king.

19 You once spoke in a vision to your prophet and said, "I have given help to a warrior. I have selected him from the common people to be king.

20 I have found my servant David. I have anointed him with my holy oil.

21 I will steady him, and I will make him strong.

22 His enemies will not get the best of him, nor will the wicked overpower him.

23 I will beat down his adversaries before him and destroy those who hate him.

24 My **faithfulness** and unfailing love will be with him, and he will rise to power because of me.

25 I will extend his rule from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in the east.

26 And he will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

27 I will make him my firstborn son, the mightiest king on earth.

28 I will love him and be kind to him forever; my **covenant** with him will never end.

29 I will preserve an heir for him; his **throne** will be as endless as the days of heaven.

30 But if his sons forsake my law and fail to walk in my ways,

31 if they do not obey my decrees and fail to keep my commands, then I will punish their sin with the rod, and their disobedience with beating.

33 But I will never stop loving him, nor let my promise to him fail.

34 No, I will not break my **covenant**; I will not take back a single word I said.

35 I have sworn an oath to David, and in my holiness I cannot lie:

36 His dynasty will go on forever; his **throne** is as secure as the sun,

37 as eternal as the moon, my faithful witness in the sky!"

*Interlude*

38 But now you have rejected him. Why are you so angry with the one you chose as king?

39 You have renounced your **covenant** with him, for you have thrown his crown in the dust.

40 You have broken down the walls protecting him and laid in ruins every fort defending him.

41 Everyone who comes along has robbed him while his neighbors mock.

42 You have strengthened his enemies against him and made them all rejoice. You have made his sword useless and have refused to help him in battle.

44 You have ended his splendor and overturned his **throne**.

45 You have made him old before his time and publicly disgraced him.

*Interlude*

46 O **LORD**, how long will this go on? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my life is, how empty and futile this human existence!

48 No one can live forever; all will die. No one can escape the power of the grave.

*Interlude*

49 Lord, where is your unfailing love? You promised it to David with a faithful pledge.

50 Consider, Lord, how your servants are disgraced! I carry in my heart the insults of so many people.

51 Your enemies have mocked me, O **LORD**; they mock the one you anointed as king.

52 Blessed be the **LORD** forever! Amen and amen!