

# The Loving-Kindness of the LORD

From Psalm 89:1-5

1. The lov - ing - kind - ness of the LORD Shall grace the sa - cred page;  
2. For I have said that mer - cy's reign Hence - for - ward shall com - mence;  
3. *I have re - newed with Mine e - lect My cov - e - nant of peace,*  
4. Thy house I will for - ev - er build, And in thy seed de - scend;  
5. O LORD, the heav'ns with sap - phire ceiled And all the lights that blaze,

His truth the psalm - ist shall re - cord From age to ris - ing age.  
And fed by faith - ful - ness main - tain Her in - fi - nite ex - pense.  
*And sworn to this be - nign ef - fect To him that kept the fleece.*  
The throne of Da - vid shall be filled, And flour - ish with - out end.  
Their truth af - fords a beau - teous field For so - cial saints to praise.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:6-9

6. For who is he in Heav'n re - ferred, In - tel - li - gence or form,  
7. Or what is he of most ac - count A - mongst the pow'rs be - low,  
8. *A - mid the syn - od of the blest, The LORD is great - ly feared;*  
9. O LORD, in - com - pa - ra - ble God, Thy truth a - round we hail,  
10. Thou rulest the rag - ing of the sea, When surg - es foam and chase,

That can be named with God the Word, In whom all life is warm?  
That can be lik - ened to the fount From whence all hon - ors flow?  
*And with in - ces - sant pray'r ad - dressed By souls of saints in - sphered.*  
From heav'ns first con - vex, to the sod That sheathes the hum - ble vail.  
Thou bidst con - tend - ing waves a - gree, To send the na - vy safe.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:10-14

11. <sup>10</sup>Thou hast up - on th' E - gyp - tian land Thy dread - ful venge-ance hurled;  
12. <sup>11</sup>Thine are the heav'ns, and bright ar - ray That in suc - ces - sion shine,  
13. <sup>12</sup>*Thou hast di - vid - ed north and south, Bleak wind and ge - nial flame;*  
14. <sup>13</sup>Strong is Thine arm in deeds of love, Thy hand of peer - less proof;  
15. <sup>14</sup>Jus - tice and eq - ui - ty be - neath Thy throne have placed their seat;

And scat - tered with Thy might - y hand Their host through-out the world.  
The earth, Thy firm foun - da - tions stay, And all there - in is Thine.  
*And fra - grant Her - mon finds a mouth, And Ta - bor sings Thy name.*  
Thy right hand bran - dish - es a - bove The heav'ns in - te - rior roof.  
But truth and love Thy Spir - it breathe, And Thy bright pres - ence greet.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:15-19

16. <sup>15</sup>Blest is the peo - ple, whom the voice Of con - science calls Thine own;  
17. <sup>16</sup>They in Thy name shall take de - light, Each con - se - crat - ed hour;  
18. <sup>17</sup>*Thou art the glo - ry of our strength, In safe - guard of as - sault;*  
19. <sup>18</sup>For God is our re - doubt - ed fort, And our de - fense sus - tains,  
20. <sup>19</sup>The vi - sion - ar - y word of late Thou deign - est to dis - close;

Lord, in Thy light they shall re - joice, And seek to - wards Thy throne.  
And make their boast, as they re - cite Thy deeds of right - eous pow'r.  
*And in the bless - ed Lamb at length Our horn Thou shalt ex - alt.*  
And o'er each prov - ince, coast and port The Lord Je - ho - vah reigns.  
A man by grace and na - ture great I have pre - pared and chose.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:20-24

21. <sup>20</sup>My ser - vant Da - vid have I tried, And his good deeds al - low,  
22. <sup>21</sup>My hand his scep - ter shall up - hold, And keep him in his seat;  
23. <sup>22</sup>*In - vid - ious foes shall have no force* When he his troops a - larms,  
24. <sup>23</sup>I will his en - e - mies de - stroy My - self, be - fore his eyes;  
25. <sup>24</sup>My mer - cy shall be with his sword, My truth his acts a - dorn;

My ho - ly oil I have ap - plied To bless his hon - ored brow.  
And My right arm shall make him bold Op - pos - ers to de - feat.  
*The son of fraud shall have re - course* To fight be - fore his arms.  
And with the bit - t'rest plagues an - noy Who - e'er his worth de - spise.  
And by his fer - vent pray'r im - plored, I will ex - alt his horn.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:25-29

26. <sup>25</sup>I like - wise will ad - vance his realm Where dis - tant o - ceans roll;  
27. <sup>26</sup>He shall in - voke My name in pray'r, And in My ser - vice live,  
28. <sup>27</sup>*And I his ped - i - gree will fix* A - mongst ce - les - tial things,  
29. <sup>28</sup>My mer - cy and my aid shall be For ev - er on his side;  
30. <sup>29</sup>Son af - ter son he shall en - dure, His off - spring will I raise;

And his right hand shall hold the helm The bil - lows to con - trol.  
"My God om - nip - o - tent to spare, My Fa - ther to for - give.  
*Whose race and rank with an - gels mix* A - bove all earth - ly kings.  
And by the grant I now de - cree I sure - ly will a - bide.  
And his suc - ces - sion will se - cure As heav'ns e - ter - nal days.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:30-36

31. <sup>30</sup>But if the shoots of such a stem My dic - tate should re - fuse;  
32. <sup>31</sup>If they should break the ho - ly laws Which My com - mand - ments urge,  
33. <sup>33</sup>*But yet I will not whol - ly take My kind - ness from his seed;*  
34. <sup>34</sup>I will for My own glo - ry care, Nor charge the Word I passed,  
35. <sup>36</sup>The line of his de - scent shall run With death - less he - ros crowned;

And in their lives that way con - demn, Which grace to faith fore - shows;  
<sup>32</sup>I will My zeal - ous an - gel cause Their dire of - fense to scourge.  
*Nor void that bless - ed prom - ise make To which My truth a - greed.*  
<sup>35</sup>Once in my ho - li - ness I swear That Da - vid's house shall last.  
Be - fore My pres - ence, as the sun, His throne shall be re - nowned.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:37-41

36. <sup>37</sup>His daugh - ters shall be sweet and fair, As is the lu - nar light;  
37. <sup>38</sup>But Thou hast with ab - hor - rence spurned And Thine a - noint - ed left;  
38. <sup>39</sup>*The cov - e - nant is of no trust, If thus his days he drag,*  
39. <sup>40</sup>A - round his bor - ders are in - fringed, And all the tow'rs he barred;  
40. <sup>41</sup>All those that pass a - long the road, Up - on his goods en - croach,

That faith - ful type of heav'n - ly care And bless - ing of the night.  
Thine own to in - dig - na - tion turned, And of Thy grace be - reft.  
*And o'er his crown, de - filed in dust, His foes blas - pheme and brag.*  
The moats filled up, the gates un - hinged, The strong mu - ni - tions marred.  
And ev - 'ry neigh - bor comes to goad His con - science with re - proach.

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:42-46

41. 42 Thou lift - est up the hand that throws The spear a - gainst his breast,  
42. 43 No long - er is his weap - on edged To boast ten thou - sands slain,  
43. 44 *Nor more his bloom - ing hon - ors glow With heav'n's ef - ful - gent beam;*  
44. 45 The rip - er days Thou hast cut off Of all his bet - ter age,  
45. 46 For - ev - er, LORD, wilt Thou re - tire From my sub - mis - sive suit?

Thou hast de - light - ed all his foes Which his do - mains in - fest.  
And vic - to - ry no more is pledged For his re - nowned cam - paign.  
*His em - i - nence is lev - eled low, And made of no es - teem.*  
And giv'n his glo - ry to the scoff Of ob - lo - quy and rage.  
And shall Thine an - ger burn like fire In this my dis - re - pute?

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Cont'd, Psalm 89:47-52

46. 47 Re - mem - ber how my time is brief, How ur - gent na - ture's debt.  
47. 48 What man is he, whose strength or art Shall his own spir - it save,  
48. 49 *Lord, where is Thine in - dul - gent oath That Da - vid should de - spond?*  
49. 50 Re - mem - ber how Thy gal - lant tribes Are with in - vec - tives stung,  
50. 51 Wherewith Thine en - e - mies in - sult, And call our ways per - verse;  
51. 52 Ho - san - na to the throne of grace— A - men from all the throng;

Why hast Thou fash - ioned man for grief And un - a - vail - ing sweat?  
Or who, when gasp - ing to de - part, Can coun - ter - mand the grave?  
*Where Thy good truth en - gaged to both His trun - cheon and his wand?*  
*And how my loath - ing ear im - bibes The taunts of man - y a tongue.*  
And o'er Thy ser - vants faults ex - ult, And their good fame as - perse.  
A - men from him that holds his place To lead the choir in song.