

WILL THIS EVER STOP?

PSALM 88-19

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"How long, LORD? Will you hide forever? Will your anger keep burning like fire?"

Psalm 89:46

PSALMS 88-89: AN UNLIKELY PAIR

Psalms 88 and 89 raise and answer the question

"Will life _____ get any better?"

Psalm 88 is in the Bible – without edit – because the life described therein is _____. Sometimes life really feels that way.

The Psalmist describes various types of suffering.

The first is the pain of broken _____.

The second is a form of chronic _____ pain.

The third is the intense _____ pain of loneliness.

All of this pain and suffering ultimately leaves the Psalmist in a prison of _____.

Psalm 88 is one of the most depressing Psalms in all of Scripture. But it's followed by Psalm 89 which is one of the most _____ and encouraging.

WHY PUT THESE TWO PSALMS TOGETHER?

These two seemingly contradictory Psalms present the _____ of the Christian life.

These Psalms also remind us of some important truths.

1. God's steadfast love and covenant faithfulness _____ over everything that happens in life.
2. God's steadfast love and covenant faithfulness are not always _____ apparent to us.
3. God's steadfast love and covenant faithfulness will ultimately _____ over the evil and suffering we face in this world.
4. God's steadfast love and covenant faithfulness are most clearly seen in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus _____.

GETTING THROUGH YOUR OWN PSALM 88:

Even in our darkest night, we can experience the light of God's _____ through a personal relationship with Jesus.

Enter into his presence by praying through your own Psalm. Be _____ and write it down. Remember that all Psalm 88's prayed long enough, end with a Psalm 89.