

# The Book of PSALMS

## Psalms 89 – 91

### “Davidic Covenant—God & Man—The Secret Place”

#### Psalm 89 – “Davidic Covenant”

> This Psalm is reflective of the *Davidic Covenant*, which is the covenant that God made with King David in 2 Samuel ch. 7 (**The Davidic Covenant** (“2 Samuel 7:16”) establishes the perpetuity of the Davidic family (fulfilled in Christ), Matthew 1:1 ; Luke 1:31-33, ; Romans 1:3 and of the Davidic kingdom, over Israel, and over the whole earth; to be fulfilled in and by Christ ; 2 Samuel 7:8-17 ; Zechariah 12:8 ; Luke 1:31-33 ; Acts 15:14-17 ; 1 Corinthians 15:24 .)

> Psalm 89 foretold the overthrow of his kingdom (vv38-45) before the realization of that which had been promised (vv. 20-29). Yet he anticipates the fulfillment of the promise (vv.46-52) and blesses the Lord. (*What are the eschatological implications of the Davidic Covenant - (1) Israel must be preserved as a nation. (2) Israel must have a national existence, and be brought back into the land of her inheritance. Since David’s kingdom had definite geographical boundaries and those boundaries were made a feature of the promise to David concerning his son’s reign, the land must be given to this nation as the site of their national homeland. (3) David’s Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must return to the earth, bodily and literally, in order to reign over David’s covenanted kingdom. The allegation that Christ is seated on the Father’s throne reigning over a spiritual kingdom, the church, simply does not fulfill the promises of the covenant. (4) A literal earthly kingdom must be constituted over which the returned Messiah reigns. (5) This kingdom must become an eternal kingdom. Since the “throne,” “house,” and “kingdom” were all promised to David in perpetuity, there must be no end to Messiah’s reign over David’s kingdom from David’s throne. It thus becomes evident that the Davidic covenant is of vital importance to the understanding of future events.*) (J. Dwight Pentecost- *Things To Come*, pg. 114-115)

> This Psalm mentions the *faithfulness of God* ten times. The word *covenant* is mentioned four times, and with it God says, *“I have sworn”* three times. Also *“I will not lie”* occurs four times. This is truly a Psalm of promise for Israel.

(v1-4) **Contemplation of the Davidic Covenant.** *“To all generations”* in verse 4 can be referenced to **Luke 1:30-33** - *Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*

(v5-10) **Who is God? He is faithful! He is to be praised! He is to be revered! He is mighty! Ps 89:5-6 - Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints** - In the assembly of the holy ones; that is, the angels, they will sing songs of praise, this will fill them with joy! (Rev 5:11-14; 1 Peter 1:12)

(v11-18) **God is the Creator.** God is true government; He reigns in righteousness and justice, mercy and truth. Blessed are those that let Him reign in their hearts and lives. He brings rejoicing and righteousness, strength and exaltation. He is their shield or defense.

(v19-23) **The vision is found in 2 Samuel 7:14-17** - The vision was addressed particularly to David, but was made through him to the people of Israel. (v20) *With my holy oil I have anointed him* - by the hand of Samuel (1 Sam 16:13). Oil was used in setting apart prophets, priests, and kings.

(v24-29) **The promise of the firstborn - the Lord Jesus Christ - Colossians 1:15-18-** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

(v30-37) **If Israel forsakes the LORD they will be chastised, but not forsaken, nor forgotten. God will keep His promise to David.**

(v38-45) **Israel’s chastisement fulfilled.**

(v46-52) **The hopelessness of man & the faithfulness of God.**

#### Psalm 90 – “God & Man”

> Psalms 90 – 99 are known as “Sabbath Psalms.” This Psalm is a prayer of Moses.

(v1-2) **Moses exalts God’s omniscience and infinite existence.**

(v3-6) Man is finite; our lives are a vapor compared to eternity. A “watch” is four hours.

(v7-9) Man is full of sin, whether in secret or not God sees them all, even the sin in our hearts. This is why we need a Savior. In Isaiah 53:4-6 - Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. In Romans 3:22-26 - For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

(v10-12) Are you numbering your days? Ephesians 5:15-16 - See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

(v13-17) It is the Lord Jesus Christ who has compassion, who satisfies, and brings rejoicing! His work appears to His servants and His beauty is forevermore!

## **Psalm 91- “The Secret Place”**

(v1) Where is the secret place? Matthew 6:1-6

- Abide under the shadow of the almighty - John 15:1-8 - C.I. Scofield writes, “To abide in Christ is, on the one hand, to have no known sin unjudged and unconfessed, no interest into which He is not brought, no life which He cannot share. On the other hand, the “abiding” one takes all burdens to Him, and draws all wisdom, life, and strength from Him. It is not unceasing consciousness of these things, and of Him, but that nothing is allowed in the life which separates from Him.”

- As we abide in Christ we’ll bear (1) *The fruit of repentance*- Mt. 3:8; (2) *Fruit of the Spirit*- Gal. 5:22-23; (3) *The fruit of Christ*- 2 Peter 1:5-11; (4) *The fruit of praise*- Heb. 13:15; (5) *A fruitful testimony*- Eph. 5:9; (6) *Fruitful soul-winning*- John 4:35-36.

(v2) God is our defense & our trust!

(v3-6) Truth & courage are the brain and brawn of every believer. Truth comes from the Word of God, as courage comes through the indwelling Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 1:7- For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.)

(v7-8) See the reward of the wicked - Isaiah 14:12-17; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 22:1-14 (Mt. 8:12; 25:30 - “outer darkness”); Rev 20:11-15- Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

(v9-13) “It is written” – Matthew 4:6-7 - Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

(v14-16) God’s love is- (1) *Sacrificial*- John 15:13- Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. (2) *Unconditional* - Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (3) *Inseparable*- Rom 8:35-39- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **God answers our call - Luke 11:9-13-** “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” **John 14:13-14-** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. **John 16:24-** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.