

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 89 TITLE: "Covenant LORD"

Intro: "Everything that can be invented has been" was reportedly a brash statement made in 1899 by the then Commissioner of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, one Charles H. Duell, who, it was claimed, felt he should retire because the flow of patent applications would shortly dry up and, U.S. Patent Office would no longer be needed. History changes perspective. "Hindsight 20-20." Suffering. Waiting. Hardships. Unanswered prayer. Disappointment.

Thesis: "B/c Our Covenant LORD Keeps His Promises we can..."

I. Praise Him (1-18)

- A. v.1. Sing. Mouth (outloud). Make known to generations.
- B. v.5. Heavens praise wonders. Faithfulness in the assembly (*Ekklesia*. Church/Saints).
- C. v.9. You rule the raging of the Sea. "Who is that wind/waves obey Him?" JESUS.
- D. v.11-12. Heavens yours. Earth yours. All in world yours. Creator/Founder. **North/South.**

ILLUSTRATION: North. South. "God's Country." Well, this is saying *it's all His! :-)*

-Ps.24. It's a claim on His Kingship. His rule. His ownership. Laying claims to His **territory.**

ILLUSTRATION: Bob Ross. Your creation. Get to do what you want with it. You rule this world.

- E. v.15. Blessed be the people who know festal shout. Who know you. Worship you!

ILLUSTRATION: Tiger Fight Song! "1, 2, 3, 4! 1, 2, 3, 4!" "He is Risen" "God is good"

II. Hear Him (19-37) God starts talking here... v.19 "of old you spoke"

- A. v.20. David. My Servant. Anointed One. **2 Tim. 2:8** "Remember Jesus Christ. Offspring."
- B. v.22. Wicked Shall not humble Him. (**Philippians 2:** He humbled Himself).
- C. v.23-24. Crush His foes by crushing Him. Steadfast love & faithfulness with Him.
- D. v.26-27. Jesus called God His Father. True Son. Firstborn of all creation (**Col. 1:15-22**).
- E. v.32. Punish their transgression with Rod (spear) and iniquity with stripes. (**Is. 53:5**).
- F. v.34-35. God's Word is trustworthy. Keeps His promises. (**Heb. 6:18-19**)

ILLUSTRATION: Jack Miller. God's Promises. Revival Soul. Grace Awakening. 2nd Conversion.

APPLICATION: Praying the Promises. Believing them. Taking God at His Word.

III. Ask Him (38-51)

- A. v.39. You renounced the covenant. (Wait! What?! We just said God keeps His promises!)
Perspective. Short-sighted. Narrow Mind. Self-absorbed. Not going right, must be wrong.

ILLUSTRATION: C.S. Lewis called it **Chronological Snobbery**. When you think most advanced/important time to focus and learn from and intercity truth is own era. **U.S. Patents.**

- B. v.41-42; 44-45. Writing about King/Israel. Who does it really sound like? **JESUS! 33yrs!**

- C. **Abandoned. Confused.** This is how **disciples** would've really felt. Can you imagine?

- D. v.47-48. *My time is short. Who can live and never see death? Soul from Sheol? JESUS!*

ILLUSTRATION: D.L. Moody. "Some day you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody of East Northfield, is dead. Don't you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone up higher, that is all, out of this old clay tenement into a house that is immortal—a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body." "I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever."

- E. v.50-51. **Mocking. But God will get the last laugh. Psalm 2:1-9.**

IV. Bless Him (52)

- A. For those who are In Christ. We bless Him even in hardest times. If we don't understand.
- B. **Job 1:21:** "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

APPLICATION: As you Praise Him. Hear Him & Remember His Promises (*Church*). Remember Who He is and What He does. That's when you start to feel a bit better. *And you can Bless Him.*

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Col. 1 - 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. **21** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, **22** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Is. 53:5 - But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Heb. 6 - 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, **18** so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. **19** We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,

Psalm 2

1. Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- 6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
- 7 I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

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