

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 ▫ Read Psalm 89:19–37

Questions from the Scripture text: How did the Lord speak to whom (v19a)? What will He do to Whom (v19b)? What else will He do to Him, and how does v19c describe Him? Who is the pattern/type (v20) for this Mighty, Chosen One? What will God be/do unto David in helping and exalting the Mighty, Chosen One (v21)? What will God prevent whom from doing, in order to keep this promise to David (v22–23)? What (Who!) will be with David (v24a), and lift up the horn of his strength (v24b)? What will God do for him (v25)? How does this show that this is Someone much greater than David himself? What will great David's greater Son, cry unto God (v26)? To what place will God exalt Him (v27)? What will God give Him for how long (v28)? Whom will God give Him (v29, cf. Isa 53:10d, 59:20–21)? What might these offspring do (v30–31)? And what will God do for them (v32)? What will He not do or permit (v33–34)? To whom did the Lord promise this in what forceful way (v35)? Concerning Whom, for how long (v36a)? Concerning what, for how long (v36b–37)?

What promise has secured the everlasting blessedness of God's people? Psalm 89:19–37 looks forward to the opening portion of morning public worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these nineteen verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **God's promise concerning Christ's forever-kingdom has secured the everlasting blessedness of God's people.**

The blessedness that this section's promises bring. In the first eighteen verses, the Psalm rejoiced over the Lord Himself as the heavenliness of heaven, concluding with His people's delighting themselves in Him (v15–18). Now, in this portion, we hear how secure this blessedness should be, since it comes in Christ and the promises made concerning Him. It is based richly upon 2Sam 7:11b–16.

The promise of the Christ. The Lord has promised to give help to a mighty one (v19b). What sort of great one needs help? One Who adds helplessness to Himself. Though there are many chosen ones to be saved, there is only one Chosen One (v19c) to be the Savior. David had been selected and anointed and helped too (v20–21). Now, there is expected another anointed, a Messiah, a Christ (both of which mean "anointed"). And, the victories that the Lord has given David (cf. 2Sam 7:9), He will now give the Anointed Who comes from David (v22–23).

The identity of the Christ. While defeat comes to all of the Christ's enemies, the situation is very different with the Christ God's own faithfulness and God's own steadfast love are with Him (v24a). His horn (the essence of His strength) is lifted up in the Name of God (v24b). If there was any doubt that this was much bigger than David, v25 puts that to rest. It is not enough for Him to be King over all the earth; He is King over the sea and the rivers as well. When v26–27 pick up the language of 2Sam 7:14a, this Psalm helps us understand that this isn't a merely analogous sonship. He has the rights of God as the Heir of God, the Firstborn (v27a). His kingship isn't like anyone else's.

The seed of the Christ, who are in His covenant with God. In Christ, there is the eternal steadfast love (v28a) of the covenant (v28b). This is where things come back around to vv15–18. For, as the Firstborn and covenant Head, the Christ has offspring (seed) that belong to Him (v29a). It's not just His kingdom that is forever. Those who are in Him are forever.

A blessedness stronger than sin. Even their sin will not undo this covenant (v30–34). The Lord will faithfully chasten them (v32), but for the sake of Christ, God's steadfast love and faithfulness will never depart (v33). Not a single word of the covenant will ever be broken (v34). Great David's infinitely greater Son will have seed Who endure forever, and He will have a kingdom that endures forever!

Dear reader, let us learn from this not only to find our blessedness in God Himself—and therefore in Christ, in Whom we have God Himself... but let us learn to plant the stake of our hope in this blessedness into the solid ground of Christ Himself and the everlasting covenant that is in Him. Clinging to Him, we cannot be lost but must come into the glorious blessedness of enjoying God forever.

What is your greatest hope? What should it be? In Whom is this hope? Why can you be sure of it?

Sample prayer: Lord, we praise You for Your everlasting covenant in Christ. In Him, You have made us Your heirs. In Him, You have brought us into sonship to You. In Him You have given us everlasting steadfast love and faithfulness. Defeat His enemies, O Lord, and complete all of Your inalienable promises to Him. We long for His glory! We long for Your glory in Him! Now, we ask that by Your Spirit, You would give us to see and worship that glory in public worship, we ask in Jesus's Name, AMEN!!

Suggested songs: ARP72A "God, Give Your Judgments to the King" or TPH89B "My Song Forever Shall Record"

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Psalm 89 19 through 37. These are God's words. Then you spoke in a vision to your holy one and said I have given help to one who is mighty. I've exalted one chosen from the people. I have found my servant David. With my holy oil, I have anointed him.

With whom my hand shall be established. Also, my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him nor the son of wickedness, afflict him, I will beat down his foes before his face. And plague. Those who hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him.

And in my name his horn shall be exalted. Also I will set his hand over the sea. In this right hand, over the rivers. He's a cry to me. You are my father, my god, and the rock of my salvation. Also, I will make him my firstborn. The highest of the kings of the earth.

My mercy, I will keep for him forever. And my covenant shall stand firm with him. His seat also, I will make to endure forever. And his throne as the days of

heaven. If his sons for saved my law and do not walk on my judgments, if they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments, Then i will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity was stripes.

Nevertheless. My loving kindness. I will not utterly take from him. Nor allow my faithfulness to fail. My covenant, i will not break. Nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips. Once i have sworn by my holiness, I will not lie to david. His seed shall endure forever.

And his throne is the sun before me. That shall be established forever. Like the moon Even like the faithful witness. In the sky. So, for the reading of god's, Inspired in an errant word. And the first part of the song, the first 18 verses we saw the worship of heaven, in which not only was the, they're the great display of god and all of his glorious attributes.

But particularly those people who know the joyful sound to find their blessedness in the lord, This is these are the ones by him having his populated not those who hope to go fishing in the sky or any other nonsense like that. But those who know that god himself in particularly that christ, the one who stills the water.

And shows that he is yahweh. Because the bible says, only always, the only does that That christ is god. Who is the heavenliness of heaven? Well, now we see the promises. That secure this blessedness for us. And they are promises. Initially, we think it's being made to david, but david here is a type of foreshadowing a name by which God, here is referring.

To great, david's greater son. The lord jesus and things that were true. In a Uh small and temporary way. With, with respect to david are true in a great and infinite and never lasting way with respect to christ. So that So that david becomes a A picture that the lord uses.

Um, To teach us about christ in advance. And this is that type and anti-type language. David is the type. He is the copy. Jesus is the original who comes later. The anti-type. And so there's a promise of the christ. I have had my servant david. With my holy oil, i have anointed him, the word anointed, of course means Well we know it is messiah from the Hebrew is the way we anglicize that christ from the greek.

With the angle, size, the greek, as christ. With him, my hand shall be established. Also, my arms shall strengthen him. And so the lord has given help to one who is mighty and you say, well, How can one who is? Mighty need help? Well, The almighty himself. Becomes a man of the seed of david, so he is Of the seed of david according to the flesh, but declared to be the son of god with power, Uh, by the spirit or a court.

According to the spirit by the resurrection of the dead. You remember that from the opening of Romans and And that is found in verse 19, so they're the christ here. Is being promised, he is The anointed whose foes will be. Destroyed. Um, david ultimately Um, His kingdom in a temporal sense.

Ultimately fell. Not only was it divided because of his sin. It was divided in the days. Of reboam, but even as we're reading in second kings. Um, his line. It keeps on declining and the Lord keeps remembering or making us to realize that you still remembers his covenant because he gives men like Um, hezekiah and like josiah.

But those last four kings that we just heard about, You know, last week. In second kings, 23 and 24. How very sad? Not so with the lord jesus. And the lord jesus does not only defeat his enemies resemblingly, but eternally. And so we see just like with psalm 16.

When God had said today that i will not allow my holy one. To see corruption in the grave and the Of also say, You know. Um, David was worm poo. Then you can go visit where What used to be a body is now dirt. Uh but the lord jesus as risen again from the dead.

And so psalm 16, it's really about jesus and not about david. Well we could do the same here. And we'll see that even more. Then the next section, where we see, not just the promise of the price, but the identity of the christ, The one with whom there is Faithfulness and steadfast love.

And his horn is exalted verse 24. So Um, The steadfast love and faithfulness or grace, and truth. As we see it in many translations of john, 114 and Exodus 34:6 Those telltale. Attributes by which god often. Introduces or announces the whole of his glory. And then his power mine in it.

In my name, has horned shall be exalted. Uh, but again. Uh, verse 25 is referring us back in part. Uh, to verse 9, you rule the raging of the sea when its waves rise, you still them. And that's that's in the middle of a section. That's saying there are no creatures like the creator.

Uh, well suddenly he's talking about this king, this anointed one. Uh, who Also, i will set his hand over the sea and his right hand over the rivers. He's not just going to rule all of the earth, all of the kingdoms, all of the Um, You know, all the land, he will rule the sea itself.

Uh, will be under his authority. And so the identity of the christ is the son of god as god to the sun. And we learned to call him that even from verse 26, he shook right at me. You are my father, my god, the rock of my salvation. Uh, you are my father because he is god.

But my god because he is man. And none of us have perfect faith in the lord, jesus christ. Yet. There are the souls of the just made perfect in glory whose faith has been perfected. But jesus had perfect faith as it was. Not. The faith of atoning grace. He didn't have anything to repent of, didn't need to be attended, but still faith for salvation.

That he trusted that even should he go to the cross? He would be vindicated. That when he laid down his life by his own authority and take it, took it up again by his own authority that the father and the son and the spirit. Um, that god would be Doing this even as he and his divine personhood.

Um, commanded that it would be done. With his human nature. But jesus looked to god for salvation, And this makes him for us, not only the one who attends for us. And the one who is our righteousness, Uh, before god. But an example for what we do when we suffer Let me not have complaining hearts against god, but we open not our mouth.

And entrust us ourselves to him who judges justly. As we have. By the blood of jesus returned to the shepherd and overseer of our souls. And so, all of that wonderful language from first peter two. Describing. The way, the lord jesus. Looked to god as his rock. With respect to his humanity.

Also, i will make him my, my firstborn or the of firstborn, the first one, the highest of the kings of the earth. He is the eternally begotten, son. Um, But he is also the air, that's the significance of the firstborn, the one who has right and title And it's it's his by right his for the asking, you have the kings of the earth, who Um, Who rage and plot and vain and try to overthrow the rule of god.

But what they're trying to overrule, throw also is the rule of god's christ. Because god has already decided. That his air should have all of the kingdoms of the earth. And so, all of that wonderful language from psalm 2. In verse 27. My mercy and my steadfast love. I will keep for him forever.

My covenant shall stand firm with him. Thinking about the the covenant of redemption, even that goes back into all eternity. His seed also will make to endorph forever and his throne as the days of heaven. Um, this is talking about christ, not just uh, christ's seed, not just david's seat.

This whole section has been especially about the lord jesus. Not about, not about david, his ancestor. And we see this in in different places as one. Who is incompetent with god, to have and receive and save and sanctify and present to god as holy and glorious. Uh, these ones who have been selected to be his from before the world began.

And so verse 29. Is where we find our happiness coming into. The blessedness and glory of the lord jesus. We are christ's seed. He is our covenant head. He has the place as it were to us of a father. This is one of the reasons why his name is everlasting.

Father. Yes. Uh, with respect to his divinity, it is because he is the very image of god. And the one in whom we are given to see the father, like he told philip, In that last conversation. Uh but also he has everlasting father to us, because he is the father of a nation of a household of a multitude who belonged to him as the last Adam Adam is our first father.

Jesus is our last father and he has seed and his seed will endure forever just as his throne endures, as the days of heaven. How could it be? That anyone whom jesus has saved would at some point lose that salvation or even cease to exist, But because of jesus's worthiness and because of that which is his by right those were saved by him.

Must be blessed and must be blessed perfectly. And must be blessed. Everlastingly eternally forever. If jesus is your savior, we will sophia. Where is she? She wants to the party but maybe i'll take her children. If jesus is your savior. Your salvation must be perfect in its blessedness and everlasting in its blessedness.

Trust in him. To whom a seed belongs that endures forever. And rejoice, that his throne over you. Is as the days of heaven. Now, this doesn't mean that we'll be perfect now, And so you have not just the identity. Of the christ. Um, and the seed of the christ which is who we are.

Uh, but a blessedness in christ that is even stronger than our sin. His seed. The, the seed here, the sun's here. In verse 30, our ones who sin. So again we can see that this is not Um, that jesus is not the seed or the sun's in verses 29 or 30.

He's the one who has offspring. He is the one who has sons And we are those. And god is full aware of course of our sinfulness. But the first great thing that he will do is bring us to faith in christ so that we will be in him. So that we will be his officering and under him as sons in a covenant within Um, But even after we have come into him and have come into covenant with god in him, we still have that remaining sin to be dealt with and god promises.

To deal with it. Says, if his son's forsake, my law and do not walk in my judgments, if they break my statutes and do not keep my commandments, i will punish their transgression with the rod. And their iniquity with stripes. Isn't that exactly what he promises in? Hebrews 12.

That all who are true children in christ jesus. He will discipline. He won't give us literally and he was 12, our whippings. So that we don't end up. Or don't continue as it to be sinful, like we are but that that blessedness that christ has earned for us. God will surely for the sake of christ.

Prepare us for and fit us for with whatever chastenings whatever whippings we need in order to be made, holy in order to be made righteous so that we will see the lord. Which is the blessedness that we have and psalm 89. And so there's a strong connection between psalm 89 versus 30 to 32 and that opening section of hebrews chapter 12, just as like, there was a strong connection between psalm 89 versus one through 18 and that wonderful assembly and glory, who behold, god and behold christ, as with the second section, Of hebrews 12 and coming to Zion.

And the souls of the just made perfect and the angels of the best investor gathering and god, our father and christ, our mediator, his blood speaks better than able and this kingdom that cannot be shaken. Even though earthly kingdoms are going to be shaken and gotten rid of But christ's kingdom.

As the unshakable. That is the unshakable kingdom that we are going to Receive. And so, here is Here is the continuing connection. With this psalm and that chapter in hebrews, But why will our punishment? Before our blessedness, not taking it away. Because we are not with covenant. In covenant, with god in ourselves, we are in covenant with god in christ.

And so he wrote he returns to the singular here. Nevertheless my loving. Kindness might happen. I will not utterly take from him. Nor allow my faithfulness to fail my covenant. I will not break. And so that which the lord has done for believers in. Jesus christ, cannot be undone by their sin.

God's word. God's covenant. God's christ his righteousness, his reign We'll all conspire together, not only to destroy his enemies. But to destroy. Not only the guilt at the cross. But even in our lives, by his merciful providence, our remaining sin, Until he makes us fit to enjoy. What he describes here at the end.

My covenant, i will not break nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips. Once i have sworn by my holiness, i will not lie to david. And what will the lords do? For his son. For christ. Christ's seed his seed shall endure forever. His throne as the sun before me, it shall be established forever like the moon even like the faithful witness in the sky.

And then we realize that Than the rest of scripture that those things seem forever to us. But even the son of the moon stays are numbered. But the days of the kingdom of christ, and the days of the blessedness, Of those who are in him. They are without number.

They are forever. And so praise god for the promise and identity. Of the christ. The son of god. And the fact that he has seed, and those offspring are his children. Who are in covenant with god through him. And if you believe in the lord, jesus christ, If you, if you are heads and he is yours.

If you say from your heart, i am my beloveds and my beloved is mine. And you can say, from your heart, my sin stays our numbered And whenever my god chastens me, he does so And fatherly. Love that is mine in christ. And can never be lost. And then, let's pray.

Our father in heaven. We thank you. For giving us this portion of your word to consider today. As a family, but oh lord. Of course from your word you thank you all the more For giving us your fatherly, adopting redeeming atoning. Sanctifying glorifying. Love in the lord, jesus, we praise you.

For the way that you have devised in creation, providence and time, and redemption. To glorify your son. Not only as god but as redeemer and king. Over a people whom you. Have given to him to save and sanctify. That we pray that That you would do with us and in fatherly love with our sin.

That you would punish us with the rod. And do whatever is necessary for our sanctification, that we would have that holiness. That is necessary to come into. The ownership and enjoyment. Of what christ has earned for us. And what is his inheritance and ours in him? So please lord keep working in our lives and help us not to have grumbling spirits.

But to entrust ourselves to you, even as he perfectly did in our behalf. So we ask him in the name of him, who is all our righteousness even jesus? Amen.