

# David's Despair

God is faithful in His Character (v. 1-18)

God is faithful to His Covenant Promises (v. 19-37)

We can trust in God's faithfulness (v. 38-45)

God's faithfulness will not cease (v.46-52)

## Psalm 89 ESV

- <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;  
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
- <sup>3</sup> You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> "I will establish your offspring forever,  
and build your throne for all generations.'" *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?  
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
- <sup>7</sup> a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,  
and awesome above all who are around him?
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD,  
with your faithfulness all around you?
- <sup>9</sup> You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.
- <sup>10</sup> You crushed Rahab like a carcass;  
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup> The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;  
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.
- <sup>12</sup> The north and the south, you have created them;  
Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.
- <sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.
- <sup>14</sup> Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.
- <sup>15</sup> Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- <sup>16</sup> who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>19</sup> Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:  
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.
- <sup>20</sup> I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him,
- <sup>21</sup> so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.
- <sup>22</sup> The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him.
- <sup>23</sup> I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
- <sup>24</sup> My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,  
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
- <sup>25</sup> I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'  
<sup>27</sup> And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.  
<sup>28</sup> My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
<sup>29</sup> I will establish his offspring forever  
and his throne as the days of the heavens.  
<sup>30</sup> If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules,  
<sup>31</sup> if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,  
<sup>32</sup> then I will punish their transgression with the rod  
and their iniquity with stripes,  
<sup>33</sup> but I will not remove from him my steadfast love  
or be false to my faithfulness.  
<sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant  
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.  
<sup>35</sup> Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.  
<sup>36</sup> His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me.  
<sup>37</sup> Like the moon it shall be established forever,  
a faithful witness in the skies." *Selah*  
<sup>38</sup> But now you have cast off and rejected;  
you are full of wrath against your anointed.  
<sup>39</sup> You have renounced the covenant with your servant;  
you have defiled his crown in the dust.  
<sup>40</sup> You have breached all his walls;  
you have laid his strongholds in ruins.  
<sup>41</sup> All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors.  
<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his foes;  
you have made all his enemies rejoice.  
<sup>43</sup> You have also turned back the edge of his sword,  
and you have not made him stand in battle.  
<sup>44</sup> You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground.  
<sup>45</sup> You have cut short the days of his youth;  
you have covered him with shame. *Selah*  
<sup>46</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?  
How long will your wrath burn like fire?  
<sup>47</sup> Remember how short my time is!  
For what vanity you have created all the children of man!  
<sup>48</sup> What man can live and never see death?  
Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? *Selah*  
<sup>49</sup> Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,  
which by your faithfulness you swore to David?  
<sup>50</sup> Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,  
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,  
<sup>51</sup> with which your enemies mock, O LORD,  
with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.  
<sup>52</sup> Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.