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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD RESOLVES OUR PROBLEM IN HIS TIME

PSALM 89:38–52

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Davidic Covenant***



DAVIDIC COVENANT

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2 Sam. 7:12–16

Psa. 89

1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16

1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c

1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b

1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

Psalm 89

- 1A. God's love and faithfulness are praised, Psa. 89:1–18.**
- 2A. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37.**
- 3A. God is petitioned to remain faithful to His promises to David even though sin and divine discipline made it appear that the covenant was cancelled, Psa. 89:38–52.**

The Faith-Rest Drill

STEP ONE: Claim a promise; mix faith with a promise, principle, or rationale.

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise.

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions.

2. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37

1B God chose David to be His anointed king, Psa. 89:19–20

2B God promised to protect, preserve, and bless David, Psa. 89:21–25

3B God promised an intimate relationship with Himself through an eternal covenant, Psa. 89:26–29

4B God's promises would never be cancelled, though they would be hindered by sin and disobedience, Psa. 89:30–37

**Psa. 89:27, “I will appoint him to be my
firstborn son,
the most exalted of the earth’s kings.”**

**בְּכֹר *bekor* comm
masc sing abs
birthright, firstborn**

**Ex. 4:22, “Then you shall say to Pharaoh,
‘Thus says the LORD: “Israel is My son, My
firstborn.” ’ ”**

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

Col. 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

Col. 1:18, “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.”

Heb. 1:6, “But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ ”

Heb. 1:2, “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”

3B God made three statements promising an intimate relationship with Himself through an eternal covenant, Psa. 89:26–29

- **David would acknowledge that *Yhwh* is His Father, God, and the rock of His salvation, Psa. 89:26**
- **God promised to make him his firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth, Psa. 89:27**
- **God declared that this covenant with David would be eternal, Psa. 89:28–29**

**Psa. 89:28, “My mercy [*chesed*] I will keep
for him forever,**

**And My covenant shall stand firm with
him.**

**Psa. 89:29, “His seed also I will make to
endure forever,**

And his throne as the days of heaven.”

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**Psa. 89:30, “If his sons *forsake* My law
And *do not walk* in My judgments,**

**Psa. 89:31, “If they *break* My statutes
And *do not keep* My commandments,**

**Psa. 89:32, “Then I will punish their
transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.”**

**Psa. 89:33, “Nevertheless My
lovingkindness [*chesed*] I will not utterly
take from him,
Nor allow My faithfulness [*emunah*] to
fail.”**

**Psa. 89:34, “My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of
My lips.”**

3. God is petitioned to remain faithful to His promises to David even though sin and divine discipline made it appear that the covenant was cancelled, Psa. 89:38–52

1B The psalmist laments the discipline on the king in light of the promises God made to David, Psa. 89:38–45

2B Ethan [*Eitan*] called on God to remember His oath and to help him before the king dies, Psa. 89:46–52

**Psa. 89:38, “But You have cast off and
abhorred,
You have been furious with Your
anoointed.**

**Psa. 89:39, “You have renounced the
covenant of Your servant;
You have profaned his crown by casting
it to the ground.**

**Psa. 89:40, “You have broken down all his
hedges;
You have brought his strongholds to
ruin.”**

**Psa. 89:38, “But You have cast off and
abhorred,
You have been furious with Your
anoointed.”**

זָנַח זָנַח *zanach*

**qal perf 2 masc
sing**

**“to reject, spurn,
detest, cast off”**

Zech. 10:6, “I will strengthen the house of Judah,

And I will save the house of Joseph.

I will bring them back,

Because I have mercy on them.

They shall be as though I had not cast them aside;

For I am the LORD their God,

And I will hear them.”

Psa. 89:38, “But You have cast off and abhorred,

You have been furious with Your anointed.”

זָנַח זָנַח-2 *zanach*

qal perf 2 masc

sing

to reject, spurn,

detest, cast off

מָאָס מָאָס-1 *ma'as*

qal wawConsec 2

masc sing to

reject; spurn,

despise

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abhorred,
You have been furious with Your
anoointed.”**

2-זנח *zanach*

**qal perf 2 masc
sing**

**to reject, spurn,
detest, cast off**

1-מאס *ma'as*

**qal wawConsec 2
masc sing to**

**reject; spurn,
despise**

2-עבר *'avar*

**hitpael perf 2 masc sing
to be angry, enraged**

**Psa. 89:39, “You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
You have profaned his by casting it to the ground.”**

**נָאַר *na'ar* piel perf
2 masc sing to
abhor**

**Lam. 2:7, “The Lord has spurned His altar,
He has abandoned His sanctuary;
He has given up the walls of her palaces
Into the hand of the enemy.
They have made a noise in the house of
the LORD
As on the day of a set feast.”**

**נָאַר *na'ar* piel perf
2 masc sing to
abhor**

**Psa. 89:39, “You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;
You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.”**

נִזְרָה *nezer* comm

masc sing constr

consecration, crown

**Psa. 89:40, “You have broken down all his hedges;
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.”**

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**Lam. 2:5, “The Lord was like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Israel,
He has swallowed up all her palaces;
He has destroyed her strongholds,
And has increased mourning and
lamentation
In the daughter of Judah.”**

**Psa. 89:41, “All who pass by the way
plunder him;
He is a reproach to his neighbors.”**

**Psa. 89:42, “You have exalted the right
hand of his adversaries;
You have made all his enemies rejoice.”**

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**Psa. 89:13, “You have a mighty arm;
Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.”**

Right hand = hand of power and authority

**Psa. 89:43, “You have also turned back the
edge of his sword,
And have not sustained him in the
battle.”**

**Psa. 89:44, “You have made his glory
cease,**

**And cast his throne down to the
ground.” ~NKJV**

**Psa. 89:44, “You have brought to an end
his splendor,**

**and have knocked his throne to the
ground.” ~NET, NASB similar**

**Psa. 89:45, “The days of his youth You
have shortened;
You have covered him with shame.
Selah”**

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**Psa. 89:46, “How long, LORD?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Will Your wrath burn like fire?**

**Psa. 89:47, “Remember how short my time
is;**

**For what futility have You created all the
children of men?**

**Psa. 89:48, “What man can live and not see
death?**

**Can he deliver his life from the power of
the grave?**

Selah.”

**Psa. 89:49, “Lord, where are Your former
lovingkindnesses [*chesed*],
Which You swore to David in Your truth?**

**Psa. 89:50, “Remember, Lord, the reproach
of Your servants—
How I bear in my bosom the reproach of
all the many peoples,”**

Psa. 89:51, “With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,

With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

Psa. 89:52, “Blessed be the LORD forevermore!

Amen and Amen.”

**Lam. 3:20, “My soul still remembers
And sinks within me.**

**Lam. 3:21, “This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.**

**Lam. 3:22, “Through the LORD’S mercies
we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.**

**Lam. 3:23, “They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.”**

**Lam. 3:24, “ ‘The LORD is my portion,’
says my soul,
‘Therefore I hope in Him!’**

**Lam. 3:25, “The LORD is good to those
who wait for Him,
To the soul who seeks Him.**

**Lam. 3:26, “It is good that one should hope
and wait quietly
For the salvation of the LORD.”**