

# Psalm 89

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

## The LORD'S Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

**A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.**

- 89** I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever;  
To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup>For I have said, "Lovingkindness will be built up forever;  
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."  
<sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with My chosen;  
I have sworn to David My servant,  
<sup>4</sup>I will establish your seed forever  
And build up your throne to all generations." *Selah.*
- <sup>5</sup>The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;  
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.  
<sup>6</sup>For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD?  
Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD,  
<sup>7</sup>A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,  
And awesome above all those who are around Him?  
<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD?  
Your faithfulness also surrounds You.  
<sup>9</sup>You rule the swelling of the sea;  
When its waves rise, You still them.  
<sup>10</sup>You Yourself crushed Rahab like one who is slain;  
You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.
- <sup>11</sup>The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;  
The world and all it contains, You have founded them.  
<sup>12</sup>The north and the south, You have created them;  
Tabor and Hermon shout for joy at Your name.  
<sup>13</sup>You have a strong arm;  
Your hand is mighty, Your right hand is exalted.  
<sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

Lovingkindness and truth go before You.

<sup>15</sup> How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound!

O LORD, they walk in the light of Your countenance.

<sup>16</sup> In Your name they rejoice all the day,  
And by Your righteousness they are exalted.

<sup>17</sup> For You are the glory of their strength,  
And by Your favor our horn is exalted.

<sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>19</sup> Once You spoke in vision to Your godly ones,  
And said, "I have given 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> With whom My hand will be established;  
My arm also will strengthen him.

<sup>22</sup> "The enemy will not deceive him,  
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

<sup>23</sup> "But I shall crush his adversaries before him,  
And strike those who hate him.

<sup>24</sup> "My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him,  
And in My name his horn will be exalted.

<sup>25</sup> "I shall also set his hand on the sea  
And his right hand on the rivers.

<sup>26</sup> "He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father,  
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

<sup>27</sup> "I also shall make him *My* firstborn,  
The highest of the kings of the earth.

<sup>28</sup> "My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever,  
And My covenant shall be confirmed to him.

<sup>29</sup> "So I will establish his descendants forever  
And his throne as the days of heaven.

<sup>30</sup> "If his sons forsake My law  
And do not walk in My judgments,

<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 break off My lovingkindness from him,  
Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.  
<sup>34</sup> "My covenant I will not violate,  
Nor will I alter the utterance of My lips.  
<sup>35</sup> "Once I have sworn by My holiness;  
I will not lie to David.  
<sup>36</sup> "His descendants shall endure forever  
And his throne as the sun before Me.  
<sup>37</sup> "It shall be established forever like the moon,  
And the witness in the sky is faithful." *Selah*.

<sup>38</sup> But You have cast off and rejected,  
You have been full of wrath against Your anointed.  
<sup>39</sup> You have spurned the covenant of Your servant;  
You have profaned his crown in the dust.  
<sup>40</sup> You have broken down all his walls;  
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.  
<sup>41</sup> All who pass along the way plunder him;  
He has become a reproach to his neighbors.  
<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;  
You have made all his enemies rejoice.  
<sup>43</sup> You also turn back the edge of his sword  
And 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 shortened the days of his youth;  
You have covered him with shame. *Selah*.

<sup>46</sup> How long, O LORD?  
Will You hide Yourself forever?  
Will Your wrath burn like fire?  
<sup>47</sup> Remember what my span of life is;

For what vanity You have created all the sons of men!

<sup>48</sup>What man can live and not see death?

Can he deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? *Selah*.

<sup>49</sup>Where are Your former lovingkindnesses, O Lord,

Which You swore to David in Your faithfulness?

<sup>50</sup>Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Your servants;

How I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples,

<sup>51</sup>With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,

With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

<sup>52</sup>Blessed be the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.