

Psalm 89:20-29

Introduction: Christ, our Great and Perfect High Priest, being truly GOD, He became truly man (flesh), two natures in One Person without mixture, confusion, division, or separation. *(by which is meant to keep our minds and hearts from straying regarding the Truth of our Savior being truly GOD and truly man– Without confusion or mixture so that we understand that His humanity and His Deity are not combined into one nature, without division so that we understand that each nature is full and complete without being divided into parts, that Christ did not receive a partial human nature. This has in view the completeness of each nature. Without separation guards against thinking of two Persons – that we maintain that both human and divine natures are united in One Person – has in view the Truth that that while the divine did not become human nor the human become divine that there was by unity of Person an inner connection between the two natures which was constant and which continues in Jesus Christ.)*

In last week's reading we closed with verse 19 which is a prelude to our reading this morning. Verse 19 introduces how the Father made the Covenant known. The Word of the LORD came to Nathan in the night that which was to be made known to David. That Word spoken to David is the promise that is summarized in verse 4: **“I will establish your seed forever And build upon your throne to all generations.” Selah**

In this portion of the Psalm we are given certain promises of the One Who sits on the Throne of the Eternal Kingdom. We can see how these promises relate to King David, but that which is primary is how they relate to Jesus Christ and His Preeminence. We must not overlook how the LORD GOD has ordered His Providence in history to bring about the fulfillment of the Promise of this Covenant – that Christ would come after the line of David. This is certainly seen in our reading this morning, but that which should capture and excite our hearts, souls, and minds is that Christ Jesus left the Eternal Glory with the Father to condescend to His people on earth in the flesh, in our likeness in every way, yet without sin to show the Father's Glory and to rescue His people from the wrath to come. [Romans 1:3-4 NASB] **3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God**

with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

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Exposition:

Verse 20 begins by declaring the Father “found” David. We must guard against thinking that the LORD had to search for David. (*Relate lessons learned regarding applying that which is known (created) to that which we are trying to understand*) The use of the word found as it relates to the sovereignty of GOD is that (**I Samuel 13:14, 16:1-12**) David had been chosen long before this moment and is now being revealed. David is here called a servant; not because he had more human self-will than others, not because he was smarter, kinder, less prone to sin, more handsome, or anything we could mention in and of himself; but by the anointing of the LORD GOD. It is by the same principle that we, any of GOD’s people, is a servant of GOD – by His sovereign grace – by His choosing and election. When the LORD called Samuel to fill his horn with oil and go to Jesse the Bethlehemite to make known Israel’s king; the LORD said, **“I have selected a king for Myself among his sons.” (I Samuel 16:1)** “have selected” - GOD’s choosing David was settled in eternity past. GOD has so ordered by His Provision that Christ would come in the flesh born of a virgin in the lineage of David. Before the foundation of the world, long before the Covenant was revealed, GOD determined how He would save His people. [1 Peter 1:18-21 NASB] **18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, [the blood] of Christ. 20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.**

An aspect of GOD’s holiness is mercifully shown to us in His choosing David to be king. Here is this aspect of His holiness, His Uniqueness, or Distinctness explained: [Isaiah 55:8-9

NASB] **8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9 "For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.** Who would Samuel have chosen? Samuel would have chosen Eliab. - [1 Samuel 16:6 NASB] **6 When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him."** Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah were presented first and Jesses made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, none of which had the LORD chosen. This aspect of GOD's Holiness, of His Ways being higher than mans is made known - [1 Samuel 16:7 NASB] **7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God [sees] not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**

GOD's wisdom is displayed in that Christ Jesus came in the flesh in a manner that His appearance was not as expected by man. Israel was expecting an earthly king with all of grandeur, splendor, and majesty that could be seen with the eye. They expected a temporal prince appearing in pomp that would deliver them from the Roman bondage. Jesus as man is certainly Beautiful and full of Majesty and Splendor which can only be known by the Mercy of GOD by being given eyes to see, by being granted the faith to behold Him as the Lamb of GOD. Sinful man was and is disappointed at the King of king's appearance as man which leads to the dreadful and terrible sin of unbelief and the cause of such who did not and do not desire Him Who is the Desire and Treasure of the nations. [Haggai 2:7 KJV] **7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.**

The Father in His Infinite Wisdom sent the Son to look more like a peasant than an earthly king. As the LORD GOD proclaims by the prophet Isaiah - [Isaiah 53:2-3 NASB] **2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no [stately] form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. 3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.** We are given in Philippians 2 what theologians refer to as Christ's state of humiliation and His state of exaltation.

[Philippians 2:6-11 NASB] 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Yet the reality is that Christ Jesus is Most Splendid. He is full of Grace and Truth with the power to save. He will judge the living and the dead – all dominion and authority are His. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, and His Kingdom will stand for all eternity. **[Colossians 1:15-20 NASB] 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, [both] in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the [Father's] good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, [I say,] whether things on earth or things in heaven.**

Closing:

LORD willing, I want to take some time here that we don't miss these Truths proclaimed in the Psalm that are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. I desire to take some time that we see, understand, and revel in our Lord, that our faith, hope, and love for Him is girded by the Truth of His Word for His Glory.

Amen