
Sermon Notes

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Forever Faithful Psalm 89:1-8, 19-29

Promises Broken... Promises Kept!

- ❖ The problem of broken promises
 - broken promises leave us feeling disappointed, frustrated and/or angry
 - breaking promises erodes trust and negatively impacts relationships
- ❖ Unlike us, God **ALWAYS** keeps His promises
 - 100% faithful
 - God is always true to Himself

God's Faithfulness

- ❖ Psalm 89 is a worshipful meditation on a moment in King David's life that we read about in 2 Samuel 7
 - David has it in his heart to build a "house" for God
 - **BUT**, instead of David building a house God, God promises **He** will build a house or a dynasty for David
- ❖ God is faithful to His promises forever

- God's promises often have short-range and long-term implications for God's people
- the promises summarized in Psalm 89 point ahead to Jesus
 - ♦ if you belong to Christ, the blessings and benefits of these promises belong to you
 - ♦ if you belong to Christ, you are a guaranteed beneficiary of these promises
- ❖ God's faithfulness to His promises is a great cause for rejoicing among the angels in heaven (v. 5)
 - a focus on God's faithfulness is a feature of worship in heaven
 - is our worship marked by a similar focus?

So What?

- ❖ What difference does God's faithfulness make in our lives on a day to day basis?
- ❖ Several short-term implications of God's promises to David intersect with our lives in an ongoing way
 - v. 19, David is chosen and anointed by God for God's special purposes... so are we!
 - v. 21, God strengthens and equips David for the tasks that lie before him... God equally strengthens and equips us for whatever He calls us to do for Him (John 15:5, Philippians 4:13)
 - v. 22, God protects David from enemies... Jesus prays for us and protects us in spiritual battle (Luke 22:31-32)

Personal Reflection

- v. 23, God promises David victory over his enemies... Jesus is the One who ultimately crushes our twin enemies of sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:57).
- ❖ Because of what Jesus accomplishes at Calvary, God's faithful fulfillment of all these promises continues to touch our lives
 - *if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness* (1 John 1:9)
 - instead of justice being **AGAINST** you, the blood of Jesus Christ works to remove anything separating you from the heart of God
 - justice is on the side of all who belong to God through faith in Christ
- ❖ God promises to be faithful to you when you are tempted to sin
 - *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.* (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - "God's faithfulness is the way out, because it's the way up." (A. W. Tozer)
 - *He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.* (1 Thessalonians 5:24)
- ❖ God's grace is greater than our sin!

1. Read all of Psalm 89 and spend time thanking and worshiping God for the fact that He is always, 100% faithful to the promises He makes.
2. How have you personally benefited from the promises God makes to David in Psalm 89? What long-range benefits are you counting on because of these promises?
3. Is thanking and worshiping God for His faithfulness a frequent feature of your worship? If not, what might help you become more consistent at incorporating this into your worship times with the Lord?
4. God promises to be faithful to you when you are tempted to sin, and He promises to be faithful and just to forgive you your sin when you do sin. How do those truths combine to help strengthen you in your war against sin?