

19-Psalms-43-Transcript

[Music]

well greetings brethren and welcome to another

wednesday night bible study and

hopefully i'm coming through

loud and clear i don't have my usual equipment

but hopefully the the sound is uh good quality

and uh what we're up to psalm 89

now this is the last psalm of book three

so we will get into psalm 89 but i will close

book three of the psalms and then for

the next few weeks i'll be tackling

another book of the bible

and then we'll come back to the psalms

and we'll tackle book four

let's open with word of prayer and then

we can get into the study

for this evening our heavenly father we

pause as we always do

before our study to seek your

intervention

and to seek your blessing we pray father

that as we study your word

we will grow in wisdom that we will grow

in the fear of the lord

and that you would order our steps

father according to your scriptures

we thank you father and we ask your

blessing we ask this

in jesus most holy name amen

so psalm 89 and here we will

look at verse

zero uh the first introduction of the

song

it's also a masculine which is a psalm

of instruction

and this one is of ethan the ezra height

last week when we were in psalm 88

it was a song a masculine

the ezra height this one is of ethan the

ezra height and he was also mentioned
when we looked at first kings uh four
in first kings four verse thirty and
solomon's wisdom
excelled the wisdom of all the children
of the east country and
all the wisdom of egypt so this is how
wise solomon was
and then listen to verse 31 for he was
wiser than all men
then ethan the ezra high so ethan is
mentioned even before heman
and uh again these men would would have
been extremely wise men
and then this young man solomon comes
along and his wisdom
excels theirs he was wiser than all men
then ethan the ezra height and heman and
chalcole
and dard are the sons of paul and his
fame was in all nations round about so
we're going to have an instruction now
from this very wise man
ethan the ezra this is going to be a
psalm
about the covenant that god has with
king david
and it's quite an interesting psalm it's
a long psalm so we didn't have time to
squeeze it into
last week's presentation but we will
just
treat the psalms separately it's 52
verses in all and then we just have a
few cross references
psalm 99 and verse 1 i will sing
of the mercies of the lord forever so
the psalm is going to get a bit
difficult
later on almost like he's challenging
god
like he's questioning god but i think as
it
opens up here and he says that he's

going to sing
of the mercies of the lord forever
then again we can just similar to the
other psalm where
i think was king david who said his foot
nearly slipped
or actually i think it was um not king
david but
um his name just escaped me now the the
musician
his name just escaped me a senior moment
but he started off the psalm saying that
his foot had nearly slipped when he was
looking at the wicked and how prosperous
they were
but the way he introduced the psalm we
knew that whatever came later
in the psalm we knew that he was he was
right with god
and in the same way with the way this
verse begins or the way this psalm
begins
we know that he is right with god that
that
that ethan his his perspective is
correct
so later on when we come to the
challenging verses let's remember this
that uh ethan will sing of the mercies
of the lord forever this is the the
cassette
the the loving kindness of god the
covenant
love of god he understands and as we've
been going through the psalms
the cassette or the hasset of god
of jehovah is so clear that the
the psalms wouldn't make no sense if if
they were if we did not understand that
they're structured around
like said i will sing of the mercies of
the lord
forever he is so overwhelmed
by this mercy with my mouth will i make

known
your faithfulness to all generations and
again
let's really cement this in our minds
later when we get to
later on in the psalm it almost sounds
like he's questioning god's faithfulness
but he's not
and we know he's not because of the way
he establishes the introduction
that he's going to sing of the mercy of
god forever and he's going to make known
god's faithfulness
to all generations so god is
is faithful to his covenant for i have
said
and now god is speaking for i have said
mercy shall be built up
forever your faithfulness you shall
establish in the very
heavens so now god's faithfulness is in
the heavens
uh and and this faithfulness is
established
it's forever god is faithful to his
covenant and again last week we were in
hebrews six let's return there
again just to understand just how
rock solid god's faithfulness is and
that we can depend on god's faithfulness
wherein god willing more abundantly
to show unto the heirs of promise the
immutability of his counsel
confirmed it by an oath so he put the
oath on top of the promise
that by these two immutable things in
which it's impossible for god to lie
that his god would never lie in a
promise god would never lie in an oath
so both the promise and the oath are
immutable and now it's by two immutable
things in which it's impossible for god
to lie
that we can have strong comfort strong

consolation strong confidence
who have fled for refuge to lay hold
upon the hope set
before us so these hebrews were in under
intense persecution
uh it was an existential threat hebrews
were being slaughtered they were being
murdered
and yet in all of this they could have
strong consolation
and we by extension who have been
grafted into this covenant
because of god's faithfulness we can
have strong consolation
and on the sermon on sabbath if you
heard that i quoted christ
where he said if you being evil know how
to give good
gifts to your your children how much
more shall your heavenly father
give you good things those those of you
who asked so ask
seek uh knock ask not seek and you'll
you will receive
and you'll find so the reason
he's and then he says you know if you
ask for a a
spread he's not going to give you a
stone he asked for an egg he's not going
to give you a serpent
so the persecution may seem like god is
giving us evil
but he's not he's preparing us for great
glory
and god knows how to give us good things
and be faithful to his covenant
so so this it's impossible for god to
lie about his covenant
so therefore we can have strong
confidence in the covenant
and again ethan says here that god's
mercy shall be built up forever
and his faithfulness will be established
in the very heavens

it's even established in the heavens so
let's continue now in psalm
89 verse 3 god says
i have made a covenant with my chosen
i have sworn unto david my servant
so the same way we saw that god swore an
oath to abraham now we're seeing that he
also swore an oath
to david and he's faithful so
this covenant and the conditions of this
covenant are forever
god is faithful i have made a covenant
with my chosen so i chose david
i have sworn unto david my servant
this is this is what he has established
your seed david seed will i
establish forever
and build up your throne to all
generations
selah that means as we go forward into
eternity
the throne of david is forever this god
has sworn this
the throne of david is forever so i have
to quote here genesis 28 and verse 9
when we see that esau went unto ishmael
and took unto the
the wise which he had mahala the
daughter of ishmael
abraham's son the sister of naboth
to be his wife so we see that esau
married into ishmael
god chose jacob over esau
and he chose isaac over ishmael so
neither of these men
nor the seed that comes out of them
belongs to the covenant
and much to the chagrin of the arab
nations and those who follow them with
this
made-up strange concocted religion
called islam
which fundamentally has nothing to do
with the bible

it claims to come out of the bible it
has nothing to do with the bible except
to be anti-biblical to be anti-christic
so the claim that
it's the same god that is the author of
the quran
as is the author of the torah and the
prophets
and the gospels we can't understand this
claim in fact
islam claims muhammad claimed that he
was good with torah
that he was good with the psalms and
that he was good with
the gospels but this is information
in the psalms that it wasn't readily
available it wasn't like noah's ark
everybody knew about noah
everybody talks about you know daniel in
the lion's den
the the jews would have talked openly
and the children would have talked
openly about adam and eve
so those stories or or versions of those
stories and
and the story about joseph and and
pharaoh those stories end up in the
koran
a very popular oral tradition at the
time you
just by listening you would have picked
up those stories and then
put whatever twist you want on them but
this story
that god has sworn that david's throne
is forever
and that his faithfulness reaches up
into the heavens
that what he speaks into the heavens of
the heavenly council
that everybody in heaven knows that god
never goes back on his word
and that faithfulness extends into the
earth and to abraham

and to the seed of abraham and to david
and to david's seed
if you're just an arab walking around
listening in the marketplace what people
say about religion
this is not something people talk about
often so this doesn't make it into the
quran
and so isa and ishmael were rejected
david is established and david's seed
and his throne
are established forever and god's
faithfulness can never change and we can
have strong consolation in
this in verse 5 and the heavens
shall praise your wonders o lord
your faithfulness also in the
congregation of the saints
so this faithfulness of god there's this
attribute
that god has that he is totally faithful
to his word he is totally faithful to
his promises he's totally faithful to
his oaths
that when he enters into a covenant he
never goes back on this covenant
this faithfulness reaches even into the
heavens
and the heavens shall praise god's
wonders
and his faithfulness in the congregation
of the saints
and this saints we can automatically
think of
ourselves the church as the congregation
of the saints
but i think that would be a premature
interpretation
the focus here is that god's
faithfulness
is recognized in the heavens so
that the heavens will praise his wonders
and continuing the thought
his faithfulness will be praised in the

congregation of the saints
so this congregation of the saints is
actually
in the heavens so so we don't we're not
going back and forth between earth and
heaven here
the subject now is the heavens and he
continues
to continue this in verse six the praise
will be in the congregation of the
saints that are in heaven
for who in the heaven can be compared
unto the lord
so so these beings that are in the
heavens
they are praising god's faithfulness
and there is nobody like god even in the
heavens
so this congregation of the saints in
verse 4 is speaking of saints
in the heavens and that's not human
beings who died and gone to heaven
these are angelic beings that are in
heaven
that that congregate and that worship
the lord in heaven
and worship him for his faithfulness for
who in the heaven
can be compared unto the lord who among
the sons of the mighty
can be likened unto the lord or the
elohim these again these angelic beings
and just to
give them the sight of this title of
being the sons
um these are angels and none of them
none of them can be compared to
jehovah god is greatly to be feared
in the assembly of the saints and again
the the
location the geography remains in heaven
so as much as he's feared on earth he is
greatly to be feared
in the assembly of the saints again the

focal point the geographic focus
is heaven and to be had in reverence
of all them that are about him again
these are those that are about him
in heaven and we get some insight into
who's there
who are these saints when we read
revelation
we get that we get a glimpse into the
throne room
in revelation 5 and verse 11 and i
beheld
and i heard the voice of many angels
many not a few
this is a huge congregation of saints
i i heard the voice of many angels round
about the throne and the beasts
and the elders these are the beings that
are in heaven
that are praising god for his
faithfulness
and the number of them was ten thousand
times ten thousand
and thousands of thousands and among all
of them
none of them are like jehovah he is high
above
all of them and they praised him for his
faithfulness
saying with a loud voice worthy is the
lamb that was slain
to receive power because of his
faithfulness
they the in the heavens they acknowledge
this incredible faithfulness of god
and and they praise him for it worthy is
the lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches and wisdom
and strength
and honor and glory and blessing and
every creature which is in heaven and on
the earth
and under the earth and such as are in
the sea and all that are in them

heard i saying blessing and honor and
glory and power
be unto him that sits upon the throne
and unto the lamb forever and ever
so ethan understands this and he's
writing how how god is
greatly to be praised not just on earth
but in the heaven as well and there are
many many beings
that congregate in heaven and that
worship
the lord for his faithfulness he says
and the four beasts said
amen they even they agreed and the four
and twenty elders fell
down and worshipped him that lives
forever and ever this is how great
god is he's not just you know the god of
israel on earth
you know the way the the worship system
worked anciently
is each geography had their god and they
worshipped their god and they believed
that that god only had jurisdiction
over that particular geography and once
you crossed over
you were in another god's jurisdiction
and israel's god was different israel's
god had jurisdiction over the whole
earth
and now we're learning through through
ethan that israel's god
is praised in the heavens and he's the
creator of the whole universe
and his character even the beings in
heaven these mighty beings in heaven
they are in awe of his character and in
particular
his faithfulness that he would leave
heaven
and come to earth and allow himself to
be sacrificed and brutalized and
sacrificed
in order to not violate his law

while at the same time not give up on
his promise
so he made a promise he made a covenant
to abraham that covenant was inherited
by israel
israel would israel was a disaster but
god would not
allow himself to go back on his covenant
so what did he do he left heaven and
allowed himself to be sacrificed
in order to satisfy the righteous
requirements of the covenant
while at the same time redeeming his
people israel
and the angels in heaven are looking at
this faithfulness
and they're blown away by it they can't
help but praise and worship him
psalm 89 and verse 8 oh lord god of
hosts
who is a strong lord like unto you
or to your faithfulness round about you
now listen to isaiah in isaiah 43 and
verse 9 in terms of this aw that this
god is unique
because of his faithfulness let all the
nations be gathered together
and let the people be assembled who
among them can declare this
and show us the former things let them
bring forth their witnesses
that they may be justified or let them
hear and say
it is truth so this this is like a um
a courtroom drama where all the nations
the gentiles
have their gods and have uh scriptures
like quran
that they believe justifies their brutal
slaughter and human sacrifice
and now we come into the courtroom and
god is saying okay
explain to me where you get the
justification for your evil acts

and and let's see which god you're that
is instructing you to do these things
and let's compare that to my
faithfulness
you and then he turns to the tribe of
judah and says to judah
you are my witnesses you you jews who
have been slaughtered
because of my faithfulness to my
covenant you jews who've been redeemed
because of my faithfulness to my
covenant you jews are my witnesses
says the lord and my servant whom i've
chosen
that you may know and believe me you've
got the scriptures
no no other nation has these scriptures
you have the scriptures
you study the scriptures and now notice
how every single word that i have spoken
has been fulfilled you are my witnesses
that you may know and believe me and
understand that i am he
and in you coming to that understanding
you can now teach the nations
before me there was no god formed
neither shall there be after me
i even i am the lord
and beside me there is no savior
i have declared and have saved so from
ancient
god through the word out there this is
what i'm going to do and no matter what
satan does no matter what the gentile
powers do
it just doesn't matter once god has
spoken it that's what's going to happen
so anciently god declared from from the
beginning he said this is how it's going
to happen
and we can read this in deuteronomy i
have declared and
i've saved so i i said this is how it's
going to happen

so you jews are my witnesses and i have
showed
when there was no strange god among you
therefore you are my witnesses so
israel unlike the other nations had this
purity
of religion had this pure relationship
with god
and so they there was a time in in
israel's history
and judah's history where they were in
true covenant love with god
and they understood that and there was
no unlike the other nations
that have these demonic influences over
them and were worshiping these demons
israel was not like that israel was
established in covenant love with with
god
so there was a time when there was no
strange god among them therefore
you are my witnesses nobody else no one
else can do this
only the covenant people can stand up
and say everything that god says is true
and and show the people the scriptures
and the gentiles everything that they
did
or was syrian you thought you were being
powerful
it says here that you're the rod of his
anger and we incurred this wrath upon
ourselves
oh a pharaoh you thought you were doing
wonders you thought you were doing your
own thing
no god was using you so that he could
establish us as a nation
and show us his power so
judah in this time in this courtroom
drama is going to be the witness for god
and he's going to be able to bring out
the scriptures and say everything he
says is true

and the gentiles are going to see
everything he says is true and there's
no god like jehovah
therefore you are my witnesses says the
lord that i
period nobody else i am god yes
before the day was i am he and there is
none
that can deliver out of my hand so when
god punishes his people according to the
covenant
nobody can stop that and then when he
chooses to save his people
according to the covenant nobody can
stop that
i will work and who shall stop it
so god is going to do what god is going
to do and this is what makes him god
and so now when we go back anciently
from the beginning
and we see right in genesis 3 the
prophecies were established with adam
and eve
and and satan that right from the very
beginning god declared
and so we have scripture or the jews
will have scripture that they can open
up
and show the nations how everything has
unfolded exactly as god has declared
now you nations come forward with your
non-sensible scriptures
come forward with your justifications
and let's see this this this god that
you serve
or you will all have to acknowledge
you've been serving the wind
you've been serving idolatry you've been
serving vanity there is only one god
and nobody can stop what he has declared
to do
he says it again continuing in isaiah
thus says the lord your redeemer he's
the redeemer of judah he's the redeemer

of israel
and everything has been declared from
the beginning the holy one
of israel that's who he is he's the holy
one of israel he came from heaven to
earth to be the holy representative of
israel
and do what israel could not do even if
it meant sacrificing himself
in order to retain his faithfulness to
his covenant
he's the holy one of israel for your
sake
have i sent to babylon and have brought
down
all their nobles and the chaldeans whose
cry is in the ship so
in this courtroom drama babylon will be
there egypt will be there
syria will be there all the enemies of
judah will be there
and god is going to be explaining to
them how this or the jews will be
explaining to them
on god's behalf how this was written
from the beginning
back to psalm 89 how powerful god is
ethan wants us to understand
you rule the raging of the sea
and i think all of us have seen these
images of tidal waves and
and just you know uh terrible storms at
sea
and god rules that when christ was on
earth he just stopped it
he just quieted the storm when the waves
thereof arise
you still them and we see we see jesus
do that
we saw jesus do that you have broken
rahab in pieces
as one that is slain so this sort of sea
monster
you have scattered your enemies with

your strong arm nobody can stop god
that's where he says earlier i declare
who will stop it
the heavens are yours the earth also
is yours as for the world and the
fullness thereof
you have founded them so god is not just
this god of this little geographic spot
he's the god of the universe the north
and the south
you have created them tibor and hermond
shall rejoice in your name you have a
mighty arm
strong as your hand and high is
your right hand amen nobody can stop god
justice and judgment are the habitation
of your thrones a lot of talk today
about social justice
god is about justice and this is what's
about his throne
and this is what he's bringing is
justice not some
marxist agenda some some way of
manipulating rhetoric in order to fool
people and deceive them and destroy them
and oppress them
no god is just about justice justice and
judgment
are the habitation of your throne mercy
and truth
shall go before your face blessed is the
people
that know the joyful sound so who are
these people
who knows the joyful sound only the
covenant people
and those grafted into the covenant the
joyful sound is only within the covenant
blessed is the people that know the
joyful sound they shall walk o lord
in the light of your countenance
gentiles cannot walk in the light of
god's countenance
only the covenant people of israel can

walk in the light
of god's countenance the gentiles will
come to the light of israel
and they have to learn about god through
israel
and here we see in terms of this
beautiful sound in isaiah again
isaiah 52 and verse 7 how beautiful upon
the mountains
are the feet of him that brings good
news
that publishes peace that brings tidings
of good
that publishes salvation now this
beautiful sound
of the gospel this beautiful sound of
peace who is he bringing it to
that says unto zion
your god reigns this is the good news
this is the gospel
that despite the punishments
the tribulation that must come down on
zion's head
because of her unfaithfulness we have
good news
because of because of your
unfaithfulness this tribulation
will come upon you because you are the
covenant people
because you entered into this covenant
and the covenant has conditions
you will therefore face the consequences
of your unfaithfulness
but because of god's faithfulness
you will also be relieved that the
tribulation is to drive you to your
knees
to drive you into true repentance so
that god can in fact redeem you
and so your god in fact reigns and there
will be a courtroom drama
where you will get to tell the nations
about the covenant that you entered into
with god

and how faithful he is to that covenant
despite
the unfaithfulness of zion verse 16
in your name shall they rejoice all the
dead
in your name shall they rejoice all the
day
and in your righteousness shall they be
exalted he's the holy one of israel
they're going to rejoice in the fact
that he has attached himself
to israel and to nobody else he'll be
the god of israel forever
for you are the glory of their strength
and in your favor
our horn shall be exalted for the lord
is our defense
and the holy one of israel is our
king this is the name that they will
rejoice in
that god has attached himself to israel
that god has covenanted
with israel and no matter what the
enemies of israel
try to do in the end because of god's
attachment to israel
because of his faithfulness to his
covenant in the end he will establish
israel
because he in fact is the holy one of
israel
and and in matthew 24 those who
understand will preach this gospel
and christ says in verse 9 then shall
they deliver you up to be afflicted
and shall kill you and you shall be
hated of
all gentile nations for my name's sake
the gentiles will hate this truth that
the good
news is that god is returning to restore
the kingdom
to israel that god is exclusively
the god of israel that gentiles can only

know god
through israel this is going to drive
them crazy especially when they're
trying to establish their own religion
and their own god and their own rhetoric
and we're saying no none of that's true
no no sorry the covenant is with abraham
and it was inherited by israel and it's
with nobody else
and within israel we now have the
davidic covenant
and that throne of david will be
established forever and christ will sit
on the throne of david forever
and there's no ifs ands or buts and
there's no there's no wiggle room
there's no room for you
if you're not within the israelite
covenant there's no room for you
except that you repent and you accept
and you worship
the holy one of israel this is going to
drive the gentiles
wild with rage but we can't back down
this is the good news god is returning
to establish the kingdom
of israel verse 19 psalm 89
then you speak in vision to your holy
one and said
i have laid help upon one that is mighty
i have exalted one chosen out of the
people so now this
is about the davidic covenant and how
god has
exclusively chosen david i have found
david my servant
with my holy oil have i anointed him
with whom my hand shall be established
mine arm also shall strengthen him so
early we were praising the might of
god's arm
and now we see that god's arm is going
to strengthen david which means
nobody can stop this and oops this is a

big oops for islam
because this was not common knowledge
this was not spoken about in the
marketplace
where muhammad could listen in and
through the oral tradition
learn the stories but if he's a prophet
of god how could he miss this
how could he miss this that god's hand
will establish or god's arm will
establish the hand of david
will establish the throne of david
forever your enemy
shall not exact upon him nor the son of
wickedness
afflict him and we see in
isaiah 60 when all of this comes to
a conclusion all those that afflict him
will actually come and lick the dust of
the jews
in great apology and sorrow and
repentance
and will acknowledge that god in fact is
the god of israel
and judah and god says and i will beat
down his foes before his face
and plague them that hate him and
certainly that was done historically
but also this is prophetic and as god
establishes the kingdom of israel
and comes to save judah zechariah 12
zechariah 14
micah 5 as he comes to matthew 24
as he comes to save judah and save
israel that
all those that hate him in fact in
revelation
chapter 1 he says that in matthew 24
that when christ returns the tribes of
the earth
shall mourn the return of jesus christ
is a
terrible day for gentiles why because
they all

hate judah they've all been working
together to destroy and root out the
name of israel from the earth
somebody has been preaching the gospel
faithfully through all of this
and then christ returns and they
realized that gospel message
was in fact true and all the tribes of
the earth mourn
while judah rejoices and says this is
our god this is whom we've waited for
and that's exactly what christ said in
matthew 23 i believe it's verse
verses 35 to 37. where he says you won't
see me again
until you shall say blessed is he who
comes in the name of the lord
that as judah is being persecuted
specifically jerusalem is being
destroyed
and great catastrophe that that's when
christ returns to show himself strong
on behalf of judah so he will beat down
his foes before his face and i think
zechariah 12
gives a great account of this and plague
them that hate him
in zechariah 14 all those that refuse to
come
and worship christ and to keep the feast
of tabernacles with the jews
upon them shall be the plague
but my faithfulness and my mercy
shall be with him and in my name
shall his horn be exalted again this is
part of the good news
and we will be hated because of his name
but we understand the narrative
and this is what we preach i will set
his hand also in the sea
and his right hand in the rivers he
shall cry unto me
thou art my father my god and the rock
of my salvation

also i will make him my firstborn higher
than the kings of the earth
so we know that jesus christ in fact is
the true firstborn but here in
establishing david he's like a type of
christ
and symbolically he is a firstborn as
god establishes him
as a type of christ my mercy will i keep
for him forevermore
and my covenant shall stand fast with
him so again remember how this psalm
opened up
and how ethan is he's not confused
he knows that this covenant the covenant
with abraham
the covenant with israel and now this
covenant with david
is forever and he knows how faithful god
is to the covenant his seed also
will i make to endure forever and his
throne
as the days of heaven god can never go
back on his word
ethan is saying even in the heavens all
the
mighty beings in heaven praise this god
because of his faithfulness now he goes
on now to understand that his children
may cause the covenant to be compromised
but god says this if his children that
is the children of david
forsake my law and walk not in my
judgments
if they break my statutes and keep not
my commandments
then will i visit their transgression
with the rod
again he says assyria is the rod of his
anger so if they do this
i will visit their transgression with
the rod and their iniquity with stripes
nevertheless my has said
will i not utterly take from him nor

suffer
my faithfulness to fail this is amazing
this is amazing listen to what god says
no matter what they do that's not going
to change my faithfulness
another oops for the quran oops
god does god has covenanted and he will
not be unfaithful
nevertheless mike has said will i not
utterly take from him
nor suffer my faithfulness to fail my
covenant will i not break whoa
there it is there it is that's what we
suspected all along
and now god is saying it outright you
may break the covenant
your children may break the covenant i
won't break it
in fact your children can't even break
the covenant the covenant the covenant
is unbreakable
all your children can do is activate the
curse clauses
within the covenant so the fact that
you're being destroyed
the fact that you're being scattered the
fact that you're being enslaved
the fact that your your women are being
ravished the fact that you're being
plagued all of these curses upon you
are evidence that the covenant is still
in place
because god will not break the covenant
and so as much as all those curses are
in place
that is actually proof that david will
sit on his throne forever
that god will be the god of israel
forever
that the king will rise out of judah
forever because
god doesn't go the the fact that you're
in you're experiencing the cursed
clauses

means the covenant is unbreakable my
covenant will i not break
nor alter the thing that has gone out of
my lips
and this is how the jews will be the
witnesses they'll be jehovah's witnesses
that at the end of time when all the
nations finally gather together
and and we come to the conclusion of the
matter
judah and israel will be able to say god
doesn't alter what comes out of his lips
he's faithful everything that he said he
would do he has done
we'll show you here are the scriptures
here's what we did here's what he did
here's what we did here's what he did
here's what's written here's what he did
my covenant will i not break nor alter
the thing
that has gone out of my lips isaiah 46
and verse 10
he declares the end from the beginning
nobody else can do this
only the god of israel declares the end
from the beginning
and from ancient times the things that
are not yet done
saying my counsel my plans
my objectives shall stand nobody can
stop
and i will do all my pleasure and it's
his pleasure
to give the kingdom to israel this is
his pleasure to fulfill his promises to
abraham
to isaac and jacob verse 35
psalm 89
similar to what we saw in hebrews 6
with abraham verse 35 once have i sworn
by my holiness god swears by his
holiness
that i will not lie unto david
david's throwing this forever his seed

may go astray
but david's throne is forever and god
will not lie he's sworn
he will not lie to david his seed
shall endure forever and his throne
as the son before me so a million years
from now
the throne of david will still be
established
it shall be established forever as the
moon
and as a faithful witness in heaven
selah
so the throne of david will be a witness
even in the heavens
now this is where we come to the
difficult turning point
in the psalm where it now
sun it now begins to sound like
god is not faithful to his covenant that
ethan has lost faith in god
but this is not true at all ethan is
merely pointing out
the consequences of
the faithlessness of israel
and the faithlessness of judah these are
the consequences
and the psalm now turns to a kind of
a dark place
and it ends on a heavy note but the way
that he
opened it we have to be able to read
through the heaviness
go back to the torah to understand what
did god declare from the beginning
he declared the end from the beginning
and we see that he
he is going to be faithful to david that
david's throne is forever
so we have to walk by faith not by sight
so let's get into the balance now of the
psalm
verse 38 but you have cast off
and abhorred you have been angry

with your anointed you have made void
the covenant of your servant
you have profaned his crown by casting
it to the ground you have broken down
all his hedges to the things that would
protect him and you have brought his
strongholds to ruin
all that pass by the way spoil him
he is a reproach to his neighbors and by
the way
all of the tribe of judah which is in
the country called israel today
all of the neighbors are islamic all
that passed by the way spoiled him
zechariah 14 verses 1 to 3.
he is a reproach to his neighbors
you have set up the right hand of his
adversary so god is doing this
god is allowing the neighbors to be rich
in oil
to have great wealth to establish their
strength to establish military strength
god is the one who is allowing this
because of the government you have set
up the right hand of his adversaries
you have made all his enemies to rejoice
and boy
do they rejoice when they get the upper
hand
you have also turned the edge of his
sword
and have not made him to stand in the
battle
you have made his glory to cease and
cast his throne
to the ground the days of his youth
have you shortened you have covered him
with shame
sila so if we pause and we think about
this
has god done anything here that is
outside of the covenant
again if i just contrast this with the
quran where the god of the quran

turns the jews into apes and pigs
because he was just angry with them they
they were fishing on the sabbath
so he turned them into apes and pigs and
so muslims believe
that some of the monkeys that you see
today these were actually
jews these are the descendants of jews
because of the curse of allah
but where is that in the torah
and what kind of god is it that just
gets angry one day
and just because he's angry he turns
them into apes and pigs
just just happened to be angry that day
and that was the curse he thought of at
the moment
everything that we just read here in
terms of the terrible curses
upon his people every single thing we
can go back to deuteronomy
and see that god said this is what will
befall you if you're unfaithful
and then they are unfaithful and god
does exactly what he says
he would be unfaithful if he didn't do
those things
and in fact judah put him in a bind
because you know all of israel all the
tribes
twelve tribes put him in a bind because
of their faithlessness their idolatry
and their adultery
and their utter faithlessness god had to
then destroy them
according to the covenant but if he
destroys them according to the covenant
and great
satan and the demons take great joy in
the destruction
of the covenant people so they go all
out
but if he didn't destroy them according
to the covenant then he would be a liar

but if he destroys them according to the covenant he would also be a liar because he promised abraham that his seed would endure forever he promised abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed by his seed but at the same time through the mosaic covenant he promised israel that if you break this covenant if you break the conditions of the covenant it will break you so it creates this conundrum where to be faithful to his word he has to destroy these people but if he destroys these people he's not being faithful to his word to abraham and this is why the holy one of israel had to leave heaven and come to earth and say i'll do it i will live by the covenant so that we can fulfill the promise that we made to abraham and at the same time fulfill the curse clauses within the mosaic covenant i will take all of that upon me and now if israel will accept me as their savior they can in fact inherit the promises through me by proxy so this is in the and the heavens the angels in the heavens see this act of faithfulness to the point of destruction self-destruction and self-sacrifice they just praise him and they say who is worthy except the lamb so we have to read the despair in these latter verses of psalm 89 in the context of god's faithfulness to the covenant the curse clauses as well as the blessings then he says

here in verse 6
how long lord will you hide yourself
forever
shall your wrath burn like fire
remember how short my time is so this is
an intense period and it's coming
again that was whatever he was going
through here when they were writing here
was a dress rehearsal for a time of
trouble
the likes of which no nation has ever
seen
since the world began but this nation is
going to experience it is going to be
particularly the time of jacob's trouble
but because of god's faithfulness he
shall be saved out of it
so it's not forever but it feels like
it's like god there's just no
no help because they have to go to that
dark hour of the soul they have to go
right down to the lowest
point of the pit where mooses says when
you get to that point
and you finally truly repent that's when
god
will show himself strong on your behalf
but you have to get to that point of
authentic repentance
and that's what we're waiting for how
long lord
will you hide yourself forever isaiah 6
comes to mind
where god says they'll be blind and deaf
and not understand
until the abomination that makes
desolate
shall your wrath burn like fire remember
how short my time is
wherefore have you made all men in vain
what man is he that lives
and shall not see death shall he deliver
his soul from the hand of the grave
silas always seeing everybody dies and

what what is what's going to happen here
there are these outstanding promises
covenant promises and yet the nation is
being destroyed
lord where are your former
loving kindnesses the psalms are all about the
hasset where are your former loving kindnesses
which you
swore unto david in your truth where
are they lord it's a it's a time of the
complete absence
or so it seems the complete absence of
god's
kindness this is a time of great
tribulation the likes of which the world
has never seen
so what happened to the cassette it's
coming
but first god meets the repentance
remember lord
the reproach of your servants how i do
bear in my bosom the reproach of all the
mighty people
wherewith your enemies have reproached
oh lord
wherewith they have reproached the
footsteps of your anointing
blessed be the lord forever more
amen and amen and that's where the psalm
ends that
they're just in a state of reproach but
ethan says
blessed be the lord forevermore amen and
amen
so there's a wisdom there's an
understanding that we pick up at the
beginning of the psalm
that we have to hold on to as we read
into the back half of the psalm
and let me uh just conclude with
deuteronomy 32
which i think that this part of the
torah really explains to us what's going

on
in psalm 89 and particularly the back
half of psalm 89.
here we see in psalm in deuteronomy 32
and we'll just break in excuse me
at verse eight when the most high
divided to the nations their inheritance
remember he scattered the nations at the
tower of babel
when he divided to the nations their
inheritance when he separated
the sons of adam he set the bounds
of the people according to the number
of the children of israel so there's
some relationship
that god has in mind between the gentile
nations
and israel and so as he's scattering
them and numbering them
there's a design to it why
for the lord's portion is his people
jacob is the lot of his inheritance
so god is coming to inherit jacob and
then through jacob have a relationship
with all the nations of the earth
and then if we drop down to verse 15 so
there's a lot of blessings in there for
jacob
but if we if we drop down sorry if we
drop down to verse
15 i apologize for this as i said i'm
not
in my normal setup so let me just see
what i can do
here give me one damage
this is what you would call a disaster
okay we will work through it hopefully
this will hold on
i'll have to fix that for next week
i think we're okay now i'm i'm on the
road this time i'm recording this
and i will be on the road now for for
about a month
just dealing with some personal matters

and
it requires me to travel a bit and
i want to make sure that we don't miss
these studies so i apologize
for that i hope that will stay for the
balance of the study we're almost
finished um so we break in now at verse
15
and we see the problem verse 15
but gesturing which is like a pet name
it's an intimate
name for israel this relationship that
they benefited from
as as the model chosen nation they waxed
fat they they got arrogant and
self-centered
gesture jeshurun waxed fat and kicked
you are waxing fat you are grown thick
you're covered with fatness then he
forsook
god which made him and lightly esteemed
the rock of his salvation the nations
are scattered
the nations are overtaken by demonic
forces and
principalities and powers that govern
their geographies
but god governs over zhang and and
and jeshurun was in this benefit
beneficial relationship
and then just got self-centered and oh
we're the holy people
and waxed fat and became arrogant and
lightly esteemed
the rock of his salvation and he said
verse 20
god responds to this now i will hide my
face from that so that's why we see now
in psalm 89 he's saying
lord how long will you forget your
loving kindnesses forever
god said god in response to what he sees
god says i will hide my face from them
i will see what their end shall be and

this is what god does
if you play with god he's like okay have
it your way
you want you want to worship this you
want to chase after that go
go ahead god doesn't force you to stay
with him
you don't want him he doesn't want you
go ahead god wants you to realize the
benefit of being in covenant with him
so he says okay let's see i'll see what
their end shall be
for they are a very fraud a very
perverse generation
children in whom is no faith so god is
full of faith god is faithful
full of faithfulness these people
they are not holding up their part of
the covenant at all
they have no faith verse 21
they have moved me to jealousy with that
which is not god so you saw in psalm 89
it opens with
there's no god like this even in the
heavens
all the mighty beings of the in the
heavens praise god
he's high above everything and now
these people who have the privilege of
being in relationship with jehovah
they treat him like he's nothing and
they provoke him to jealousy
by that which is not god they have
provoked me to anger
with their vanities and i will move them
to jealousy
with those which are not a people i will
provoke them to anger
with a foolish nation so god is going to
build up these enemies
and give them great power and then let's
see what their end shall be
they shall verse 24 they shall be burnt
with hunger

these are the israelites they shall be
burnt with hunger
and devoured with burning heat and with
bitter destruction i will send the teeth
of beasts upon them
with the poison of serpents of the dust
so there's going to be a tribulation now
so this has been a cycle
but there's going to be a culmination in
fact christ said
i haven't come to destroy the law or the
prophets
i've come to fill them to the full
so this final cycle is going to be
to the full it's going to be a level
that is unprecedented
he says the sword without and terror
within
shall destroy both the young man and the
virgin
the suckling also with the man of gray
hairs
so we can see now from the torah how
ethan
is processing the reality of israel's
situation
despite the fact i should really say
judas more specifically
despite the fact that he opens
with a very strong understanding of the
covenant and god's eternal faithfulness
to the covenant and to david in
particular so when we couple these two
things together we realize
that this period of intense pain and
tribulation
that judah must go through it's not
forever
that it's to drive them to repentance in
fact why don't we just
end at deuteronomy just earlier
deuteronomy 30
and i've read this several times but
it's just it's one of those go-to

scriptures
that moses said to them it shall come to
pass
when all these things deuteronomy 28 and
29
the blessings and the curses when all
these things are come upon you
the blessing and the curse which i have
set before
you and you shall call them to mind
among all the nations
where the lord your god has driven you
that was one of the curses
that you'd be scattered to all these
nations all these nations are supposed
to come to you
but because of your unfaithfulness i'm
going to scatter you to these nations
and the the demons and the
principalities and powers that rule over
them
you're going to be subjected to them
and you shall return that that when this
comes to mind now
and and you repent and you shall return
to the lord your god
and shall obey his voice according to
all that i command you this day you and
your children with all your heart and
with all your soul
this is what we have to now attach to
the the back half of psalm 89
to marry it with the first half of psalm
89 that in the end
all of this the back half of psalm 89
and the despair
that judah is experiencing is to bring
them to this point
that when you you repent with all your
heart and with all your soul
that then that's when the lord your god
will end your captivity and have
compassion upon you
and will return and gather you from all

the nations
where the lord your god has scattered
you so christ says that in matthew 24
when he returns you'll send his angels
to gather his elect
from the four corners of the earth if
any of yours be driven out unto the
outmost parts of heaven
from there will the lord your god gather
you god has not forgotten his covenant
not with israel not with abraham not
with uh not with david
when god makes a covenant that's it he
keeps his word
and from there will he fetch you and the
lord your god will bring you into the
land which your father's possessed
and there you shall be his witnesses
when he gathers all the nations around
you will explain to the nations
what happened and you will be his
witnesses
and the lord your god will bring you
into the land which your fathers
possessed
and you shall possess it and he will do
you good
and multiply you above your fathers he's
not forgotten his covenant
and the lord your god will circumcise
your heart this is the
the new covenant that they'll enter into
and the heart of your seed
to love the lord your god with all your
heart and with all your soul
that you may live and the lord god will
put all these curses
deuteronomy 28 and 29 all these curses
that you've that you've
incurred once you repent and these
gentiles nations are going to be the
ones cursing you
but once you repent then god will put
all these curses upon your enemies

and on them that hate you which
persecuted you and you shall return and
obey the voice of the lord
and do all his commandments which i
command you
this day so this is a great way to
understand
what ethan the ezra height was seeing
but he didn't quite explain it that it
takes a bit of wisdom a bit of
understanding
to couple to his strong declaration
of god's faithfulness with his
abandonment of judah
in psalm 89. so that's how uh book three
of the psalms ends uh so we we ourselves
will end there
and um as i mentioned i am um
traveling over the next month
but we'll continue to do these studies
so god willing next week
we'll pick up a different book and we'll
continue with the study when i do get
back god willing and
at the end of the month at the end of
november pastor murray and i
will then do a live study
but we can have some live q a some
interaction about the
contents of what we've studied so far so
brethren that was
psalm 89 and that's the end of book
three
god willing when we come together next
week we will have
a new book to study together god bless
you