### Psalms

## Chapter 89

A Psalm of contemplation by Ethan the IsraElite.  
  
  
  
  
1Your mercies, O Lord, last throughout ages.  
 So, throughout generations, I’ll sing about them,  
 And my mouth will report of Your truths.  
 2For, throughout the ages, Your mercies will grow,  
 And Your truths will be lifted high into the skies.  
  
3[God says:]  
  
 ‘With My anointed, I’ve made an agreement…  
 I’ve sworn an oath to David, My servant,  
 4That I’ll watch over his offspring;  
 And from one generation after another,  
 I will establish his throne.’  
  
5So the heavens will praise all your wonders, O Lord,  
 And among the assembly, we’ll speak of Your truths.  
 6For, who in the clouds can be likened to [him],  
 And which of God’s sons is his equal?  
  
7So you councils of the holy: Glorify God!  
 For He’s great and He should be feared by us all.  
  
8O God of armies,  
  
There’s no other like You,  
 For You’re the Almighty Jehovah,  
 And You’re surrounded by truth.  
  
9Of the strength of the seas, You’re the Master;  
 For You can calm the waves when they rise.  
 10You humble and kill those who have too much pride,  
 And Your mighty arm drives our enemies away.  
  
11Yours is the heavens and Yours is the earth…  
 You founded man’s home and its fullness.  
 12It’s You who created the north and the west,  
 So, Tabor and Herman are shouting Your Name!  
  
13You dominate all with Your mighty arm;  
 So, strengthen Your hand and raise [Your arm] high.  
 14For, justice and fairness come from Your throne,  
 And from Your face, comes mercy and truth.  
  
15Blest are those who are shouting in joy…  
 In the light of Your face, may they travel, O Lord!  
 16May they shout in joy of Your Name every day,  
 For Your justice has lifted them higher.  
  
17You’re the power in which they can boast;  
 So may they trumpet in praise of Your goodness!  
 18For, Jehovah God is our helper…  
 The Holy One of IsraEl is our King!  
  
19In a vision, You spoke of Your son and You said:  
  
 ‘I’m sending them help through this great one I’ve raised…  
 This one whom I’ve chosen from My people.  
  
 20‘For, I found David, My servant,  
 And with My holy oil, I anointed his head.  
 21So, with My right hand, I’ll help him,  
 And with My right arm, I’ll make him strong.  
  
 22‘His enemies will take nothing from him,  
 And the lawless will do him no harm.  
 23Before him, I’ll cut his enemies down,  
 And I’ll chase away all those who hate him.  
 24My truth and My mercy are with him,  
 And his battle horn will be raised in My Name.  
  
 25‘I’ll set his [left] hand over the sea  
 And his right hand over the river.  
 26Then he’ll call out to Me and he’ll say:  
  
 ‘Father, You are my God…  
 Yes, You’re my Savior and shield.’  
  
 27‘I’ll appoint him to be my firstborn,  
 And put him over the kings of the earth.  
 28In mercy, I’ll guard him throughout the age,  
 And he can trust in the things that I’ve promised.  
  
 29‘I’ll establish his offspring throughout the ages,  
 And his throne, as the days of the skies.  
 30But, if his sons should abandon My Laws  
 And choose not to walk in My ways…  
 31If My rules, they choose to profane,  
 And My Commandments, they no longer keep…  
 32For their lawless ways, I’ll send them My switch,  
 And whip them for all of their sins.  
  
 33‘But in mercy, I’ll not wipe them away,  
 Nor in any way, will I wrong My truth.  
 34To My agreements, I’ll always be true,  
 And I won’t annul the things that I’ve said.  
 35So, after I’ve sworn My oath to him,  
 Could My holiness lie before David?  
  
 36‘So, his offspring will last throughout the ages…  
 His throne will stand for as long as the sun,  
 37And it’ll endure like the moon…  
 These things I’ve prepared throughout the ages  
 As My trustworthy witness above in the skies.’  
  
38So, why have You thrust him away in contempt,  
 And against Your anointed, lifted [Your hand]?  
 39Have You wiped away the promise You made,  
 And defiled his safe havens throughout the land?  
  
40You’ve removed the barriers around him,  
 And turned his forts into places of fear.  
 41Those walking the roads have taken what’s his,  
 And he’s become the scorn of his neighbors.  
  
42You’ve raised the hands of those who oppress him,  
 And given his enemies joy.  
 43You’ve turned Your help from his broadsword,  
 And refused to assist him in war.  
  
44You’ve stopped making him clean,  
 And You’ve ripped his throne to the ground.  
 45You’ve shortened the days of his reign,  
 And upon him, You’ve poured shame.  
  
46How long, O Jehovah, will You turn away?  
 How long will Your rage keep on burning?  
 47Please notice these problems that I’m facing!  
  
In folly, You made sons of men;  
 48For, which living man will never see death?  
 Can he save his own soul from the grave?  
  
49So, where is Your mercy, O ancient Lord?  
 When You swore to David, were You telling the truth?  
 50Notice the scorn that Your servant’s received…  
 The scorn that the nations have sent to my belly…  
 51At Your anointed, Your enemies are laughing!  
  
52Amen… Throughout the age, may Jehovah be Praised!