

When God's Promises Seem to Have Failed

Psalms 89

My Notes

Writers want God's splendors known to all nations, and to all generations.

Background

The fact that the kingdom had been brought low and the king made ineffective and greatly humbled is quite evident (Psalm 89:38-45). It seems less likely that so early a time as that of Rehoboam should be thought of. The days of Josiah or even of Zedekiah just before the fall of Jerusalem would seem to fit the situation better.¹

You need to remember and recite the _____ of God, 1-4.

Tell with song and word the _____ of God, v 1

Desire the testimony to be remembered _____, 1c.

Remember the promise of God, v 3,4.

Recounting the promise of God, 2 Sam 7.

You need to remember his attributes _____, 5-18.

_____ ² *beings know and fear God, 5-7 (Ex 15:11).*

None like God, 8

You delivered Israel from Egypt with your _____, 9-10.

You created the _____, 10-13.

You need to review his _____, 14-18.

v 14, KJV = Justice and judgment, NIV = Righteousness and justice.

First, principle of justice, second, application of it.

v 14, KJV = mercy and truth; NIV = love and faithfulness

First, continuing compassion, Second, dependability

¹Leupold, *Psalms*, p. 632.

²See Job 5:1; 15:15; Deut 33:2.

You need to see that this makes _____ in the world, 17, 18.

You need to remember God's _____, 19-37.

A poetic review of the _____, 2 Sam 7:8-16.

See especially vv. 21-23.

You need to see the _____,³ v 38-45.

Unrelenting, _____, sorrowful defeat.

VV. 40-41 are imaged in Isaiah 5;5

The writer acknowledges God will _____ Israel in sin, 30-32.

Yet clearly thinks "this is too much," 39ff.

You need to cry out to God's _____ and trust in his _____, 46-52.

How long, 46, remember, 47, 50

So what?

Sometimes things are so bad it _____ that God has forgotten; his _____ has totally _____ his goodness and dependability. Many a saint in suffering has thought this.

Yet the author calls out for singing and extolling the _____ of God. You can do this in the midst of _____—indeed, you _____.

The author _____ and yet _____ calls on God to deliver in the light of his freshly recalled attributes. In trouble, it is an imperative requisite to have a _____ on the _____ of God.

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?

³ The *but* of v 38 is contrasted with the *then* or *once* of verse 19. Kidner, *Psalms*, p. 324, calls this the “eclipse” of the promise of God.

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