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Psalms 88–89

Psalm 88 (NIV)

¹ LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you. ² May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry. ³ I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death. ⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength. ⁵ I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.

⁶ You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. ⁷ Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves. ⁸ You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them. I am confined and cannot escape; ⁹ my eyes are dim with grief...

¹³ I call to you, LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you. ¹⁴ Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me? ¹⁵ From my youth I have suffered and been close to death; I have borne your terrors and am in despair. ¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me. ¹⁷ All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me. ¹⁸ You have taken from me friend and neighbor— darkness is my closest friend.

Psalm 89 (ESV)

¹ I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

⁸ O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. ¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. ¹¹ The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. ¹² The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

²¹ so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. ²² The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. ²³ I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. ²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. ²⁶ He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

³⁴ I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

1. Everything in your life is ruled by God's love

2. Though it might not be apparent to us, God's love is always there

3. God's plan is shaped by His love

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4. The rejection of his Anointed One shows us God's love

Psalms 89: ³⁸*But now you have cast off and rejected; you are full of wrath against your anointed. ³⁹You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have defiled his crown in the dust. ⁴⁰You have breached all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins. ⁴¹All who pass by plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. ⁴⁵You have cut short the days of his youth; you have covered him with shame. Selah*

5. In the midst of pain, we experience God's love in his presence with us

If you feel like life will never get better...

- **PRAY** Psalm 88 to God
- **PREACH** Psalm 89 to yourself

Affirmations

- I **choose** not to fear; God is with me
- I **choose** not to doubt; God is in control
- I **choose** not to despair; God is good