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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

GOD'S GRACE: LOYAL, FAITHFUL LOVE

2 SAMUEL 7:18–29; PSALM 89:1–18

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Davidic Covenant***



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2 Sam. 7:12–16

Psa. 89

1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16

1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c

1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b

1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

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1 Chron. 2:6, “The sons of Zerah were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara—five of them in all.”

1 Kings 11:32, “(but he shall have one tribe for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),

1 Kings 11:33, “because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.”

1 Kings 11:34, “However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, because I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of My servant David, whom I chose because he kept My commandments and My statutes.”

1 Kings 11:36, “And to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My name there.”

1 Kings 11:38, “Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

1 Kings 11:39, “And I will afflict the descendants of David because of this, but not forever.’ ”

1 Kings 12:16, “Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

‘What share have we in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Now, see to your own house, O David!’

So Israel departed to their tents.”

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- 1A. God's love and faithfulness are praised, Psa. 89:1–18.**

- 2A. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37.**

- 3A. God is petitioned to remain faithful to His promises to David even though sin and divine discipline made it appear that the covenant was cancelled, Psa. 89:38–52.**

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1B Psa. 89:1–4 God's covenant loyalty and faithfulness are praised.

2B Psa. 89:5–18 God's unique and awesome character, especially His righteousness, faithfulness, justice, and power are extolled.

1C The Lord will be praised, Psa. 89:5.

2C The Lord will be praised for His unique and awesome attributes, Psa. 89:6–8.

3C The Lord is praised for His omnipotence and His sovereign rule over creation, Psa. 89:9–14.

4C The Lord blesses those who walk with Him and glory in His righteousness and strength, Psa. 89:15–18.

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Key Words:

חֶסֶד *chesed* lovingkindness, mercy,
kindness, faithfulness, 7×

אֱמוּנָה *'emunah* faithfulness, 7×

2 Kings 18:16, “At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD and from the doorposts that Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid and gave it to the king of Assyria.”

Psa. 89:1, “I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever;

With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Psa. 89:2, “For I have said, ‘Mercy shall be built up forever;

Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens.’ ”

**Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are
the foundation of Your throne;
Mercy and truth go before Your face.”**

**Psa. 89:24, “But My faithfulness and My
mercy shall be with him,
And in My name his horn shall be
exalted.”**

Psa. 89:28, “My mercy I will keep for him forever,

And My covenant shall stand firm with him.”

Psa. 89:33, “Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him,

Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.”

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The Faith-Rest Drill

STEP ONE: Claim a promise; mix faith with a promise, principle, or rationale.

STEP TWO: Think through the doctrinal rationales embedded in the promise.

STEP THREE: Appropriate the doctrinal conclusions.

2 Sam. 7:12, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.”

2 Sam. 7:13, “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

2 Sam. 7:14, “I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.”

2 Sam. 7:15, “But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.”

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2 Sam. 7:16, “ ‘ “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ”

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plural in v 1; singular in v 2

אֱמוּנָה *'emunah* faithfulness, steadfastness, stability

Psa. 89:3, “ ‘**I have made a covenant with My chosen,**
I have sworn to My servant David:

Psa. 89:4, “ ‘**Your seed I will establish forever,**
And build up your throne to all generations.’ ”

Selah