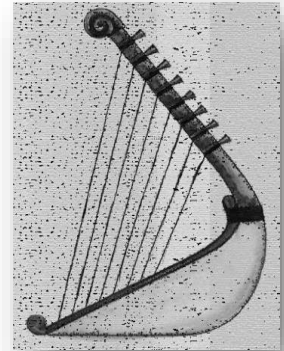


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We have reached the majestic **Covenant Psalm**, according to the Jewish plan, closes the third book of Psalms. It is the utterance of a believer, in presence of great national disaster, pleading with his God, urging the grand argument of covenant engagements, and expecting deliverance and help, because of the faithfulness of the Lord – Charles Spurgeon. **Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.**



Division: The sacred poet begins by affirming his belief in the faithfulness of the Lord to His covenant with the house of David (1-4); then praises and magnifies the name of the Lord (5-14); this leads him to sing of those who have such a God to be their glory and defense (15-18); he gladly rehearses the terms of the covenant at full length (19-37); then pours out his complaint and petition (38-51); and closes with a benediction and a double Amen (52).

**A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.**

**<sup>1</sup> I will sing of the **mercy** of the LORD forever: to all generations, I will make known Your faith with my mouth.**

**<sup>2</sup> For I said, **Mercy** will be built up forever: in the heavens You establish Your faith:**

**<sup>3</sup> I made a covenant with My chosen, I promised to David My servant:**

**<sup>4</sup> Forever, I will establish your descendants, and build up your throne to all generations.**

**Selah**, pause and think about it: A devout resolve, when a man is exercised with great trouble on account of an apparent departure of the Lord from His covenant and promise. Whatever we may observe somewhere else or experience in our own persons, we ought still to praise God for His mercies. The utterances of the present will instruct future generations. What Ethan sung is now a textbook for Christians. "I made a covenant"; this is the ground of the Psalmist's confidence in God's mercy and truth – Charles Spurgeon.

**<sup>5</sup> The heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD: also Your faith in the assembly of those set apart.**

**<sup>6</sup> For who in heaven can compare to the LORD? who is like the LORD among the sons of the mighty?**

**<sup>7</sup> a God who is greatly feared in the assembly of those set apart, and revered by all who are around Him.**

**<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, who is like You mighty LORD? Your faith surrounds You.**

**<sup>9</sup> You rule the raging sea: when its waves surge, You calm them.**

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**<sup>10</sup> You broke Rahab in pieces, like one that is slain; and with Your mighty arm, You scattered Your enemies.**

**<sup>11</sup> The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours: the world and its fulness, You founded them.**

**<sup>12</sup> North and south, You created them: Tabor and Hermon rejoice at Your name.**

**<sup>13</sup> You have a mighty arm: strong is Your hand, and exalted is Your right hand.**

**<sup>14</sup> Rightness and justice are the foundation of Your throne: mercy and truth go before You.**

**<sup>15</sup> Blessed are those who know the joyful sound: O LORD, in the light of Your presence they walk.**

**<sup>16</sup> In Your name they rejoice all day long: in Your rightness they are exalted.**

**<sup>17</sup> For You are the boast of their strength: and in Your favor our horn is lifted up.**

**<sup>18</sup> For the LORD is our Shield; and the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

Think about it: He is a blessed God who the Psalmist has been singing, and so, they are a blessed people who share His bounty, and know how to exult in His favor. For them it is joy enough that the Lord is favorable to them; all day long this contents them and enables them with vigor to pursue their journey; whoever else may defend us, He is our ultimate Defender and Shield; He is the Holy One of those He governs.

**<sup>19</sup> Once You spoke in vision to those who live and trust You, and said, I give help to the one who is mighty; I lift up the one chosen from the people:**

**<sup>20</sup> I found David My servant; and with My holy oil I anointed him:**

**<sup>21</sup> who My hand established: My arm will also strengthen him.**

**<sup>22</sup> The enemy will not deceive him; the son of wrongdoing will not afflict him.**

**<sup>23</sup> But I will shatter his foes in his presence, and plague those who hate him.**

**<sup>24</sup> And My faith and My mercy is with Him: and in My name His horn is lifted up.**

Clearly we come to messianic truth: David's greater son: Yeshua; the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

**<sup>25</sup> Over the sea I will extend His hand, and His right hand over the rivers.**

**<sup>26</sup> He will call to Me: You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation / my Yeshua;**

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<sup>27</sup> also My firstborn, I will place the highest of the kings of the earth.

<sup>28</sup> Forever I will keep My mercy for Him, and My covenant will stand firm with Him;

<sup>29</sup> and I will set forever His descendants, and His throne as the days of heaven.

<sup>30</sup> If his children abandon My law, and in My justice do not walk;

<sup>31</sup> If My statutes they break, and do not watch over My instructions;

<sup>32</sup> Then I will punish their stepping over the line with the rod, and their crimes with stripes,

<sup>33</sup> but My kindness I will not break from him, nor allow My faith to fail.

<sup>34</sup> I will not defile My covenant, nor alter what is spoken from My lips.

<sup>35</sup> Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.

<sup>36</sup> His descendants forever will endure, and his throne as the sun before Me;

<sup>37</sup> like the moon it is established forever, and as a faithful witness in the heavens.

Selah, pause and think about it: He found David, a man after His own heart; Israel was promised to grow up unmolested in another place; this truth is ignored for the past 2000 years ignored by 99% of the church world, so where did these royal descendants go? Ephraim would become a commonwealth of nations carrying all the birthright promises given Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The House of Israel, is NOT the House of Judah; and with these verses we always hear that Jesus is the King, but at His mock trial He was asked, and clearly responded: My kingdom is not of this world; though one day He will come whose right it is to reign; John tells us: He will reign forever and ever; King of kings and Lord of lords; but that is not what the Psalmist is singing about. And because God is faithful to His own hurt; king David will have a son or daughter; good or bad, smart or stupid, ruling somewhere on earth, as long as there is a sun and moon shining in the heavens; (these 7 verses provided what both the church and Judah are silent about)

<sup>38</sup> But You have rejected and abhorred, You have been enraged with Your anointed.

<sup>39</sup> Did You renounce the covenant of Your servant? You have profaned his crown by throwing it to the ground / if the last royals profaned their high calling; their dominion will be coming down.

<sup>40</sup> You broke down all his hedges; You brought his fortresses to ruin.

<sup>41</sup> All who pass by plunder him: he is a mockery to his neighbors / lots are laughing at their folly.

<sup>42</sup> You lifted up the right hand of his adversaries; You made all his enemies rejoice.

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**43 You also turned back his sharp sword, and made him not to stand in the battle.**

**44 You made his glory to cease, and his throne is tossed to the ground / an empty, meaningless lot.**

**45 You have shortened the days of his youth: You have covered him with **boshet**.**

**Selah**, pause and think about it: We see the wretched demise of the kingdom in the news today; some royal wasn't paying attention; these verses are prophetic; David's descendants would rule as long as God promised; and through Jeremiah He promised **if we check the skies and see the sun and the moon**, then we would also see some royals fulfilling God's promise to king David; and we should pray for those royals; because the prophet clearly warns us that the last expression of this Davidic kingdom would be the worst expression; and would have more wrongdoing royals ruling over an empty dominion; who in their faithless greed, will appear as the most pathetic expression of His kingdom; according to these verses (38-45) just a bunch of royal jackasses living to their own shame; best described with the Hebrew word; just a bunch of **boshet**.

**46 How long, O LORD? will You hide Yourself forever? will Your wrath burn like fire?**

**47 Remind me how short it is: and for what vanity You made all men?**

**48 Who is the man who lives, and will not see death? can he deliver his soul from the power of the grave?**

**Selah**, pause and think about it: do not trust in any princes; trust the Lord of glory; He's coming soon.

**49 where are Your former kindnesses O LORD, that You swore to David in Your truth?**

**50 Remember, O LORD, the reproach of Your servants, that I bear in my heart of all the mighty people;**

**51 with which Your enemies mocked, O LORD; with which they mocked the footsteps of Your anointed.**

**52 Blessed is the LORD forever. Amen, and Amen.**

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