

**Monday, 27 January 2020** Psalm 89:1-4 *A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness." You have said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen one; I have sworn to David My servant: 'I will establish Your offspring forever, and build Your throne for all generations.'" Selah*

This is my marching order for the day, to sing of Your steadfast love; and to make known Your faithfulness to all generations. What doors will You open today? Where will You send me? Lord, that I not turn aside to the right or the left but stay steadfast in the Way and obedient to Your word.

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**Tuesday, 28 January 2020** Psalm 89:5-10 *Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O LORD, Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as You are, O LORD, with Your faithfulness all around You? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; You scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.*

You make the mountains skip like rams; the hills like lambs. You make the seas rage and the winds blast; the lightning and thunder to rend the earth. And yet your might and power can quell the raging sea with a quiet word; it can restore life with a simple command and convert the hardest heart with an act of sacrifice.

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**Wednesday, 29 January 2020** Psalm 89:11-18 *The heavens are Yours; the earth also is Yours; the world and all that is in it, You have founded them. The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise Your name. You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, high Your right hand.*

(14) *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light*

*of Your face, who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength; by Your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.*

Blessed, blessed, blessed am I. You are my light; my song of praise throughout the day; in You is strength and life. You are a strong arm, upholding the covering of Your shield over me; there is nothing that can come between You and Your chosen one.

Praise You, my Lord and my Savior, my Master and Redeemer, my Immanuel.

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**Thursday, 30 January 2020** Psalm 89:19-29 *Of old You spoke in a vision to Your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David, My servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, so that My hand shall be established with him; My arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and My steadfast love shall be with him, and in My name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and My covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.*

Your covenant, LORD, stands from generation, without flaw or blemish. You have covenanted that one of David's descendants would rule forever and His throne would be as the days of the heavens. You set your Son, the son of David and the Son of God at Your right hand and put all things under Him, to rule in justice and righteousness from everlasting to everlasting.

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**Friday, 31 January 2020** Psalm 119:169-172 *Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding according to your Word! Let my plea come before you; deliver me according to your Word. My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your*

*statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.*

You are faithful, Lord, you do hear my cry, give me understanding and deliver me. My pleas do come before you, you are the all hearing One.

Great is your faithfulness. Oh God, my Father. Morning by morning, no turning I see. Your Word does not fail me, it guides and sustains me. Always there, always complete, always true, it defines goodness, righteousness and holiness.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead me into all truth. Thank you that you are opening the eyes of my heart to see and practice the unseen, those things which are eternal and speak of You and your Glory.

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**Saturday, 1 February 2020** *Psalm 119:173-176 Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight. Let my soul live and praise you, and let your rules help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.*

Your precepts, your law, your rules, your commandments, Your Word. I long to grow and live wholly within the national borders of your Kingdom. I was one of the lost sheep, now I am one of the Chosen Ones. Praise your Holy Name.

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**Lord's Day, 2 February 2020** *Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, (2) to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.*

Where did I learn the lessons regarding the proper way to relate to others but at my mother's knee, by the example of my father and by watching them relate to each other. Have we been equally faithful to instruct our children by the same examples? Am I guilty of malfeasance and dereliction of duty in the raising of my family?

## VOICES TOGETHER

*Daily Meditations from the Psalms*

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*Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*

Lord, may that peace that passes all understanding be the fleece that guides us through our ministries. Our prayer for the [congregation] is that we will always be guided by that infallible lantern, Your peace; that it will be the lamp for our feet and the light for our path. *Amen*

### ***To fear or not to fear, that is the question.***

The fear of the Lord, an expression that occurs many times in Scripture, 142 in the ESV in various forms, is not well understood in the Church today. For many, the phrase represents a weak and flabby description of an overly saccharine spiritual being of some sort. It certainly does not include the concept of the LORD, God, the Almighty, who spoke all things into being and who controls all things.

Join with me in examining the fear of the LORD and seeking an understanding of life in the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now as guided by that fear.

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