

Psalm 89: A Communal Lament

“Trusting God”

Week 3: June 29/30, 2024

Last week we looked at a psalm of an *individual* lament. This week we turn to Psalm 89, a *communal* lament. The former has the individual crying out; this week, it's the community's cry.

Though summer may have our spirits riding high, there will be an occasional thunderstorm to mess up our plans. Through it all, how might our family, nation, or world trust God with where things seem to be going?

Choose one of the following challenges of trust your group at any level – family, social group, nation or ethnic group – faces and spend 5 minutes in silence, gently repeating the verse and then letting go of it in order to hear a response from a Voice that is God's.

FEELINGS OF MISTRUST REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF A FRIEND

Psalm 89:1 *“I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.”*

FEELINGS OF MISTRUST IN HUMANITY

Psalm 89:3 *“You said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant.’”*

SADNESS REGARDING PATHS MY ADULT CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN.

Psalm 89:4 *“I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.”*

IMPATIENCE REGARDING AN UNANSWERED PRAYER

Psalm 89:8 *“Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.”*

FEAR REGARDING WARS AND VIOLENCE IN THE WORLD

Psalm 89:11 *“The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.”*

ANGER OVER A SUDDEN OR TRAGIC DEATH

Psalm 89:26 *“You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.”*

FEELINGS OF AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Psalm 89:46 *“How long, LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?”*