

Psalm 89

How were people saved in the Old Testament? Jesus was not known. Jesus is the totality of God's promises. Jesus is God's words and his actions). If someone believed in all of God's promises; they were essentially believing in what Jesus said and did. In fact; Jesus only did what God told him.

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. (John 5:30)

Believing God's word with faith is a definition of salvation. Jesus is called *The Word of God*. This chapter speaks about Jesus; without specifically knowing him.

Read Psalm 89:1-4: These verses ultimately describe how Jesus would be the king of an everlasting kingdom. He would be a descendant of David. He would fulfill God's prophetic promises.

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. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (1 Samuel 7:12-13)*

Jesus did not begin his life as an infant in Bethlehem. He has an everlasting past. Think of Jesus nickname as '*The Word of God*'.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That[b] was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His [c]own, and His [d]own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the [e]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and

dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me [f]is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ” 16 [g]And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten [h]Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (John 1:1-18)

Read Psalm 89:5-8: Why Jesus? Why not Michael the archangel or Elijah the prophet? Why is Jesus the only one who can save us?

Jesus is the star of the crowd in heaven and among believers on earth. There are cheap substitutes for those who are not all in. Instead of doing what the bible says; they substitute things they can control; and have some wiggle room.

Catholics pay a lot of attention to saints and Mary. Why is it better to stay focused on Jesus? He is the only mediator between God and man. Jesus is the only communication or action bridge between God and man.

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (1 Timothy 2:5)

Jesus is uniquely-qualified to fulfill the prophecies of the coming one. No angel or person can measure up or compare to be the messiah. These verses describe how the angels and the heavenly saints will see God's amazing features and actions more clearly. God is greatly feared and respected and loved in heaven.

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (Hebrews 1:1-4)

All of the residents in heaven will be so impressed that they will shout and sing about Jesus.

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.” (Revelation 7:11-12)

If we are not blown away and amazed at God; then we are not really seeing him. Our eyes sweep away from Jesus too quickly. We look back upon our own situation; and lose our perspective.

And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ (Isaiah 6:9)

We are like ADD, special needs children who have a fleeting attention span. We spend a lot of our day looking down the tunnel at perceived coming events. It is like waiting for a train to come out of the tunnel. It takes our mind off of God; and re-focuses on the implications to us. Like a fish attracted by a lure; we get distracted by the flashing lights in the media and various tidings communicated; instead of what God has promised.

Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14)

Read Psalm 89:9-14: God has clearly demonstrated that he controls the spirit world and satan, nature, the universe, time, all living and inert substances, gravity, and results for mens decisions. He has chosen to use Jesus to be the Captain over his angel army; and to be the creator of the universe, and to be the king of kings. Jesus is controlling the universe and the molecules; and we are afraid of what can happen to us. We really do not see what is happening. Jesus is always showing us a fork in the road for each of us. We can have a better path if we just do what he tells us; and put our energy into it. Instead, we do other things and then are forever looking over our shoulder. We are so transfixed on the effects of bad decisions; instead of cultivating blessings by our own obedience. All we need to thrive is to find Jesus; and embrace him, and give him our quality time.

Finding Jesus in the bible, where he is not specifically mentioned, is helpful. He seems easier to find in the New Testament. He exists from Genesis 1 and through the whole

bible if we know what to look for. We tend to reflect on Jesus as our redeemer and savior more than the creator and sustainer. We need to also see him in Genesis and Exodus.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. (Colossians 1:15-16)

These verses describe how God controls nature and demonic forces. As mentioned in other chapters, the sea is a representation of a collection of all nations. The winds are typically comparable to invisible and powerful demonic forces. So winds producing perilous ocean conditions and capsizing ships can be compared to how godless nations are being tossed to and fro and endangering men. All said; Satan plays his ongoing movie of distraction and doom; which pulls us out of our state of joy and satisfaction.

Egypt is used to compare to the world system made by men. The mention of breaking Rahab has a few aspects. Rahab means *prideful anger*. Rahab was a nickname for Egypt. God certainly slammed Egypt with his 10 plagues and Red Sea crossing and destruction of the Egyptian army...as well as the Passover, killing their first born. God is always destroying our false hopes and manmade institutions.

The Lord of hosts has purposed it, To [e]bring to dishonor the pride of all glory, To bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. (Isaiah 23:9)

Good also is known for combining righteousness and mercy. That is a tricky combination; because righteousness means the necessary sanitization and removal of sin. That kind of wipes us out. However, conversely, mercy means letting infractions go without recourse. That is why Jesus had to come as he did. God has zero tolerance for sin; and yet he loves man. That left him with one option. Jesus took our punishment.

Read Psalm 89:15-18: This is a description of the blessings that comes to believers.

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the [a]ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he [b]meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the

[c]rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)

The good life is to follow Jesus. The devil tries to get us to chase other pleasures that turn out to be nothing more than rat bait that produces sickness and death and separation from God.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)

Read Psalm 89:19-29: This all about Jesus, being described in the Old Testament. Can you see glimpses of his second coming in the prophets now?

God came from Teman, The Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise. 4 His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden. 5 Before Him went pestilence, And fever followed at His feet. 6 He stood and measured the earth; He looked and startled the nations. And the everlasting mountains were scattered, The perpetual hills bowed. His ways are everlasting. 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; The curtains of the land of Midian trembled. 8 O Lord, were You displeased with the rivers, Was Your anger against the rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea, That You rode on Your horses, Your chariots of salvation? 9 Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths were sworn over Your [b]arrows. Selah You divided the earth with rivers. 10 The mountains saw You and trembled; The overflowing of the water passed by. The deep uttered its voice, And lifted its hands on high. 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of Your arrows they went, At the shining of Your glittering spear. 12 You marched through the land in indignation; You [c]trampled the nations in anger. 13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For salvation with Your Anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, By laying bare from foundation to neck. Selah 14 You thrust through with his own arrows The head of his villages. They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; Their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret. 15 You walked through the sea with Your horses, Through the heap of great waters. 16 When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered my bones; And I trembled in myself, That I might rest in the day of trouble. When he comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops. (Habakkuk 3)

Read Psalm 89:30-52: Men fear God's judgment and second coming. Instead we should be praying for God to send his highway patrolman to the scene of the accident. The evil invaders are taking over the planet. We need someone who can solve the problem. Words and warnings do not work. Society is going off of its rails. We do not need a negotiator. We need a powerful King to fix the problem.

Why do the [a]nations [b]rage, And the people plot a [c]vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, [d] saying, 3 “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 “Yet I have [e]set My King [f]On My holy hill of Zion.” 7 “I will declare the [g]decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall [h]break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ” 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. 12 [i]Kiss the Son, lest [j]He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2)