

TUESDAY

**Forever Faithful to His Covenant**

**Psalm 89:3–4** <sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: <sup>4</sup>“Your **seed** I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.’ ” Selah

**Seed = COVENANT LANGUAGE = UNDERSTAND COVENANT LANGUAGE INTRODUCED IN MOSES’ WRITINGS TO UNDERSTAND THIS PSALM**

**John 5:46–47** “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

- Moses’ writings introduce covenant language = Seed/ RBF / Firstborn / Begotten/ Son of God / only begotten / Father
- God introduced EVERLASTING COVENANT -RBF- in Garden of Eden

**Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

- “Seed” in Scripture = can mean “descendants”
- Covenant language = promised SEED = MESSIAH JESUS
- Story of Seed = progressively unfolds throughout Scripture
  - **NT Affirms Seed = Jesus**
  - **Galatians 3:16** = Jesus is Seed of Abraham
  - **Luke 1:31–33** = Jesus is Seed of David
 

<sup>31</sup>behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of **His father David**. <sup>33</sup>And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”
- Firstborn = in Scripture can indicate order of birth

**Covenant language** = firstborn refers to = **position of preeminence**

**Exodus 4:22–23** LORD: “Israel is My son, My **firstborn**. So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me . . .”

- Israel = not first nation, but God ranked nation as *His firstborn* son = holding position of preeminence in His everlasting covenant,
- Chronologically= order of David’s birth = 8<sup>th</sup> son of Jesse

**Psalm 89:26–29** “He shall cry to Me, ‘You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.’ Also I will make him **My firstborn** [covenant language **for preeminence**] the highest of the kings of the earth. My mercy I will keep for him forever, and **My covenant** shall stand firm with him. His seed also I will make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven”

- COVENANT = describes = legally binding agreement.
- God makes two kinds of oath-bound covenants to express His will
  - 1) unilateral = not conditioned upon human response;
  - 2) bilateral, = human must choose to enter into terms of His covenant.
    - In both cases, God makes/ keeps all the promises.
- UNILATERAL = covenant intro NOAH = sign of rainbow to assure humans He would not again destroy the earth with water (Gen 9)
- UNILATERAL = Davidic covenant = God’s oathbound promise Seed of David would sit on the throne forever (1 Chronicles 17:11–14).
- Psalm 89 laments over = harsh reality that seems to indicate
  - glorious promises of Davidic covenant have been lost
  - because seed of David’s line not always faithful = humans failed
- But Davidic covenant = unilateral = God’s unchanging purposes thru Messiah = who embodies all righteousness /salvation of whole world
- Oathbound promise = God will prevail
  - His eternal kingdom = will be established forever

- but only because of Jesus = not because of God's people.
- Christ = "Root of Jesse," King David's father (Isaiah 11:10).
- Coming from / decayed = apparently dead stump of Davidic line
  - He appeared w/o human pomp/circumstance that would draw humanity's desire toward Him.
- Who would believe this humble child would ascend the throne of David forever, to fulfill God's covenant w/King David?
  - JESUS CHRIST = covenant title FIRSTBORN
  - signifies preeminence – special honor / authority

**Colossians 1:15–16** <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the **firstborn** over all creation. <sup>16</sup>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.

- God made Jesus = supreme King over whole world when He raised Jesus from the dead.

**Psalms 2:7** "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'

**Hebrews 1:5-6** <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? <sup>6</sup>But when He again brings the **firstborn** into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." **Hebrews 1:8** <sup>8</sup>But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom."