

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

2-24-19 Ken Carlton

Title: DEFILED CROWN

Main Text: Psalm 89:38-52

Aim: TO REMEMBER WHILE TRIALS MAY AFFECT OUR DISPOSITION, NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST (Romans 8:35-39)

Sermon Description: Matthew Henry sums up the closing verses of Psalm 89 in a sentence all believers can appreciate: *“Sometimes it is not easy to reconcile God’s providences with his promises.”* The anguish of Psalm 89 can be understood realizing the weight of what was at stake. The horror of apparent covenant dissolution flooded the hearts of those witnessing the collapse of the failing Jewish state, and with it, they faced the apparent collapse of future hope of salvation for the people of God. This scenario may be difficult for us to fully grasp given our vantage point in covenant history. If we are tempted to grow despairing of our fortunes this side of the incarnation, we need only remember Christ has come, and with His resurrection, our salvation and ultimate triumph are secure. For Ethan the Ezrahite and his cohorts, their hope was tied by faith to promises that appeared questionable given the decline and exile of Israel and Judah. This cloud of uncertainty would persist through the inter-testamental period for centuries without so much as a single prophet to break the sovereign silence. If we can relate to Psalm 89, it will likely be in light of endurance required for the believer awaiting glory, or facing scoffers who mock the yet future footsteps of the Messiah asking: “Where is the promise of His coming?” (II Peter 3:3-4) as we await the glorious return of Jesus Christ the ascended Son of David...

Heading: ...UNDER JUDGEMENT THERE YET REMAINS ...

1. THE SOVEREIGN WORK OF GOD (Ps 89:38-40)

- a. Covenant parallels
- b. Sovereign initiative
- c. Temporary measures

2. A DEFAMING OF THE VAIN-GLORIOUS (Ps 89:41-45)

- a. Poetically illustrated
- b. Historically illustrated
- c. Restoration cost

3. HOPE TRANSCENDING TIME (Ps 89:46-48)

- a. Prolonged judgement
- b. Urgency & brevity of life
- c. Mortality vs. self-salvation
- d. Persecution app.

4. THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ANOINTED (Ps 89:49-52)

- a. Appeal to covenant
- b. Upside down
- c. Tracing Messiah's footsteps (Ps 41,72,89,106,150, Acts 13:34)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Parallels	Sovereign work	Defaming	Timeless hope	Messiah	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 89:19-45	38-40	41-45	46-48	49-52, Acts 13:34	Gal 4:1-20