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SAMUEL

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
A BELIEVER AFTER GOD'S HEART

PSALM 89:19–24

**What the Bible Teaches
About
*The Davidic Covenant***



Psalm 89

- 1A. God's love and faithfulness are praised, Psa. 89:1–18.**
- 2A. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37.**
- 3A. God is petitioned to remain faithful to His promises to David even though sin and divine discipline made it appear that the covenant was cancelled, Psa. 89:38–52.**

2. God's promise to David is the foundation of the psalmist's petition, Psa. 89:19–37

1B God chose David to be His anointed king, Psa. 89:19–20

2B God promised to protect, preserve, and bless David, Psa. 89:21–25

3B God promised an intimate relationship with Himself through an eternal covenant, Psa. 89:26–29

4B God's promises would never be cancelled, though they would be hindered by sin and disobedience, Psa. 89:30–37

**Psa. 89:20, “I have found My servant David
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**מצא *matza*' qal perf 1 com sing
to find, often used in conjunction
with the verb “to seek.”**

2 Chron. 16:9, “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.”

1 Sam. 13:14, “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

Acts 13:22, “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ ”

**Psa. 89:3, “I have made a covenant with My
chosen,
I have sworn to My servant David:”**

- **What was God looking for?**
- **What character quality was important for God to have in a leader?**
- **What virtue does God value in every believer?**

Matt. 16:24, “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’ ”

What the Bible Teaches About *Humility*



1. Definition:

OED: *the quality of having a humble view of one's own importance.*

Collins: adj 1 *conscious of one's failings.* 2 *unpretentious; lowly:* a humble cottage; my humble opinion 3 *deferential or servile.* ♦ vb (tr) 4 *to cause to become humble; humiliate.* 5 *to lower in status.*

Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” ~NET

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Humility is a foundational *Christian* virtue.

Gal 5:23, “gentleness” *prautes*

**1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for
*‘God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.’*”**

1 Pet. 5:6, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”

Humility is being willingly obedient to those in authority over us, it is the attitude of wanting to help or serve others. It is the opposite of self-promotion, self-assertion, self-absorption. When it comes to God, it is the desire to serve God, obey God, and to follow Him.

Humility involves:

- **grace orientation.**
- **submission to God's authority;
submission to ordained authorities.**
- **Foundational to being teachable,
growing spiritually, finding any kind of
success in life.**

2. Biblical pictures of humility, obedience to God, rather than following our own will.

Abraham

Gen. 22:12, “And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ ”

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Heb. 11:17, “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

Heb. 11:18, “of whom it was said, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called,’

Heb. 11:19, “concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.”

2. Biblical pictures of humility, obedience to God, rather than following our own will.

Jacob: *heel grabber, supplanter, con-man*

Gen. 33:3, “Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.”

Luke 18:14, “... for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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Moses

Num. 12:3, “(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)”

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**עָנָו *anaw* masc
sing abs
humble, meek**

**πραῦς *praus*
nom masc sing
gentle, meek,
kind Septuagint
(LXX)**

3. The opposite is Saul. Saul is the picture of arrogance, self-deception, disobedience.

1 Sam. 15:18, “Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’”

1 Sam. 15:19, “Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?”

1 Sam. 15:20, “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1 Sam. 15:21, “ ‘But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.’ ”

1 Sam. 15:22, “So Samuel said:

‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,

As in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

1 Sam. 15:23, “ ‘For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,

And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,

He also has rejected you from being king.’ ”

4. Jesus emphasizes this virtue in the sermon on the mount as He is addressing His disciples.

**Matt. 5:3, “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

πτωχός *ptōchos*

nom masc plur

**poor, financially
destitute, worse off
than a beggar;
destitute, someone
with no means of self-
support**

Matt. 5:5, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

πραΰς *praus*,

**gentle, humble, considerate,
mEEK**

Psa. 37:11, “But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

Psa. 69:32, “The humble shall see this and be glad;

And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.”

5. Jesus emphasized humility as one of His foundational virtues.

Matt. 11:28, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

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**ταπεινός
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Adjective nom
masc sing
humble, low**

Matt. 11:29, “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt. 11:30, “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**πραῦς *praus* nom
masc sing gentle,
mEEK, kind LXX**

James 1:21, “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meeekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

ταπεινός *tapeinos*

**Adjective nom masc
sing humble**

2 Cor. 10:1, “Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.”

1 Pet. 5:5, “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ ”

Phil. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Phil. 2:4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

ταπεινοφροσύνη
tapeinophrosunē
acc fem sing
humility

The Servant's Humility (Phil. 2:6–8)

Phil. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Philippians 2:8, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

tapeino,w, *tapeinoo*,
aorist active indicative
3P
to humble, to see
oneself in proper
relation to reality, to
place under authority

The Servant's Exaltation (Phil. 2:9–11)

Phil. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [2 Sam. 22:47; Psa. 18:46; 46:10; 57:5]”

Phil. 2:10, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Phil. 2:11, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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