

<sup>38</sup> But You have cast off and abhorred,  
You have been furious with Your anointed.

<sup>39</sup> You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;  
You have profaned his crown *by casting it* to the ground.

<sup>40</sup> You have broken down all his hedges;  
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

<sup>41</sup> All who pass by the way plunder him;  
He is a reproach to his neighbours.

<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;  
You have made all his enemies rejoice.

<sup>43</sup> You have also turned back the edge of his sword,  
And have not sustained him in the battle.

<sup>44</sup> You have made his glory cease,  
And cast his throne down to the ground.

<sup>45</sup> The days of his youth You have shortened;  
You have covered him with shame.

<sup>46</sup> How long, LORD?  
Will You hide Yourself forever?  
Will Your wrath burn like fire?

<sup>47</sup> Remember how short my time is;  
For what futility have You created all the children of men?

<sup>48</sup> What man can live and not see death?  
Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?

<sup>49</sup> Lord, where *are* Your former lovingkindnesses,  
*Which* You swore to David in Your truth?

<sup>50</sup> Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants—  
*How* I bear in my bosom *the reproach of* all the many peoples,

<sup>51</sup> With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,  
With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

<sup>52</sup> Blessed *be* the LORD forevermore!  
Amen and Amen.  
Psalm 89:38-52

## **MISGIVINGS OF THE PSALMIST ETHAN THE EZRAHITE**

### **1. God charged with renouncing the Davidic Covenant**

<sup>38</sup> *But You have cast off and abhorred,  
You have been furious with Your anointed.*

<sup>39</sup> *You have renounced the covenant of Your servant;  
You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.*  
Psalm 89:38-39

- a) The charge laid against God
- b) Features:
  - i) "Cast off"
  - ii) "Abhorred"
  - iii) "Furious with Your anointed"
  - iv) "Renounced the covenant of Your servant"
  - v) "Profaned his crown by casting it to the ground"

### **2. Protection withdrawn**

<sup>40</sup> *You have broken down all his hedges;  
You have brought his strongholds to ruin.*

<sup>41</sup> *All who pass by the way plunder him;  
He is a reproach to his neighbours.*  
Psalm 89:40-41

- a) Hedges broken down
- b) Strongholds ruined

- c) Plundered
- d) Reproached by neighbouring nations

### **3. Victory given to enemies**

*<sup>42</sup> You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;  
You have made all his enemies rejoice.*

*<sup>43</sup> You have also turned back the edge of his sword,  
And have not sustained him in the battle.*

*Psalm 89:42-43*

- a) Adversaries are exalted
- b) Enemies rejoice
- c) Israel's kings defeated
- d) They are not sustained in the battle

### **4. Glory ceased**

*<sup>44</sup> You have made his glory cease,  
And cast his throne down to the ground.*

*<sup>45</sup> The days of his youth You have shortened;  
You have covered him with shame.*

*Psalm 89:44-45*

- a) Glory of the king and kingdom ceased
- b) Throne is cast down
- c) Life shortened
- d) Shame covers the head of the king

### **5. A torrent of questions**

*<sup>46</sup> How long, LORD?  
Will You hide Yourself forever?  
Will Your wrath burn like fire?*

*<sup>47</sup> Remember how short my time is;  
For what futility have You created all the children of men?*

*48 What man can live and not see death?  
Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?*

*49 Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses,  
Which You swore to David in Your truth?  
Psalm 89:46-49*

- a) Time issue: "How long?"
- b) God hiding Himself
- c) God's wrath
- d) Futility
- e) Death
- f) God's lovingkindness

## **6. A plaintive cry to the LORD**

*50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants—  
How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,*

*51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD,  
With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.*

*Psalm 89:50-51*

- a) The reproach of God's servants
- b) Personal bearing of reproach
- c) The reproach of the enemies of God
- d) The reproach of the very footsteps of God's anointed

## **7. Exercising Trust**

*Blessed be the LORD forevermore!  
Amen and Amen.  
Psalm 89:52*

Blessing the LORD as an expression of trust in the LORD