

Reflection on Psalm 89

Almighty, eternal God, You are
 grace and
 truth.

You are
 unfailing love and
 absolute dependability.

All Your heavenly beings celebrate it.
All creation proclaims it
 day after day,
 eon after eon,
 above the limitations of human language.

Even human history affirms it.

But when trouble comes,
 when suffering comes,
 when darkness comes,
all that is real to us is
 pain.

We are reduced to asking,
 How long, O Lord?
 Will You hide Yourself forever? (Psalm 89:46, NASB)

But in Jesus Christ,
 in our own flesh and blood,
we see the truth.

In Him,
in His sufferings,
 Your unfailing love and
 Your absolute dependability
are tested most severely and
 vindicated most undeniably.

In His life,
in His death,
in His resurrection,
 all Your promises,
 all Your grace, and
 all Your truth
are displayed in
 all their beauty and
 all their eternal fruitfulness.

In His sufferings

we find our own, and
we celebrate Your goodness,
even in our temporary pain.

Hymn: Psalm 89

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