

Psalm 89

4. ⁷God in assembly of the saints,
is greatly to be drad:⁴⁸
And over all that dwell about,
in terror to be had.
⁸Lord God of Hosts, in all the world,
whose strength is like to thee?
On every side most mighty Lord,
thy truth is seen to be.
5. ⁹The raging sea, by thine advice,
thou rulest at thy will:
And when the waves thereof arise,
thou makest them calm and still.
¹⁰As a man slain, so Egypt land,
hast thou subdued, O Lord,
Thy foes with mighty arm and hand,
thou scattered hast abroad.
6. ¹¹The heavens are thine and still have been,
likewise the earth and land:
The world with all that is therein,
thou formedst with thy hand.
¹²Both north and south, thou Lord alone,
thyself, didst make and frame:
Both Tabor mount, and eke Hermon
rejoice and praise thy name.
7. ¹³Thine arm is strong and full of power,
all might therein doth lie:
The strength of thy right hand each hour
thou lifteth up on high.
¹⁴In righteousness and equity
thou hast thy seat and place:
Mercy and truth are still with thee,
and go before thy face.
8. ¹⁵Those folk are blessed that know aright
to joy in thee, O God,
For in the favour of thy sight
they walk full safe abroad.
¹⁶Lord in thy name rejoice they shall,
and that from day to day:
And in thy righteousness withal,
exalt themselves alway.
9. ¹⁷For why? Their glory, strength and aid,
in thee alone doth lie:
Thy goodness eke that hath us stayed,
shall lift our horn on high.
¹⁸Our strength, that doth defend us well,
the Lord to us doth bring:
The Holy One of Israel
he is our guide and king.
10. ¹⁹Thy will unto saints, sometime
in visions thou didst show:
And thus then didst thou say to them,
thy mind to make them know.
A man of might have I erect,
your king and guide to be:
And set up him whom I elect
among the folk to me.
11. ²⁰My servant David I appoint,
whom I have searched out:
And with my holy oil anoint
him king of all the rout.⁴⁹
²¹Therefore my hand is ready still
with him for to remain:
And with mine arm also I will,
him strengthen and sustain.
12. ²²The enemies shall not him oppress,
they shall him not devour:
Ne yet the sons of wickedness,
of him shall have no power.
²³His foes likewise will I destroy,
before his face in sight:
And those that hate him, plague will I,
and strike them with my might.
13. ²⁴My truth and mercy eke withal,
shall still upon him lie:
And in my name his horn eke shall
be lifted up on high.
²⁵His kingdom I will set to be,
upon the sea and sand:
And eke the running floods shall he,
embrace with his right hand.
14. ²⁶He shall depend with all his heart
on me, and thus shall say:
My father, and my God thou art,
my rock of health, and stay.
²⁷As my firstborn I will him take,
of all on earth that springs:
His might, and honour, I shall make,
above all worldly kings,

⁴⁸ Dread.

⁴⁹ A detachment or contingent (of soldiers); an armed band.

15. ²⁸My mercy shall be with him still,
forever to endure:
My faithful covenant I will
to thee keep firm and sure.
²⁹And eke his seed will I sustain,
for aye both sure and fast:
So that his throne shall still remain,
while that the heavens do last.
16. ³⁰If that his sons forsake my law,
and so begin to swerve:
And of my judgements have none awe,
nor will not them observe.
³¹Or if they do not use aright,
my statutes to them made:
And set all thy commandments light,
and will not keep my trade.
17. ³²Then with the rod I will begin
their doings to amend:
And so with scourging for their sin,
when that they do offend.
³³My mercy yet, and my goodness
I will not take him from:
Nor handle him with craftiness,
and so my truth forego.
18. ³⁴But sure my covenant I will hold,
with all that I have spoke:
No word the which my lips have told
shall alter or be broke.
³⁵Once swore I by mine holiness,
and that perform will I:
With David I shall keep promise,
to him I will not lie.
19. ³⁶His seed forevermore shall reign,
and eke his throne of might:
As doth the sun it shall remain,
forever in my sight.
³⁷And as the moon within the sky,
forever standeth fast,
A faithful witness from on high:
so shall his kingdom last.
20. ³⁸But now, O Lord, thou dost reject,
and now thou changest cheer:
Yea, thou art wrought with thine elect,
thine own anointed dear.
³⁹Thy covenant with thy servant, lo,
Lord, thou hast quite undone:
And down upon the ground also
hast cast his royal crown.
21. ⁴⁰Thou hast his hedge plucked up with might,
thou didst his walls confound:
His bulwarks thou hast beat down right,
and brought them to the ground.
⁴¹That he is sore destroyed and torn,
of comers by throughout:
And so is made a mock and scorn
to all that dwell about.
22. ⁴²Thou their right hand hast lifted up,
that him so sore annoy:
And all his foes that him devour,
lo thou hast made to joy.
⁴³His sword thou hast made dull and blunt,
so that he may not stand:
Before his foes, as he was wont,
nor have the upper hand.
23. ⁴⁴His glory thou hast made to waste:
his throne, his joy, and mirth,
By thee is overthrown and cast
full low upon the earth.
⁴⁵Thou hast cut off and made full short,
his youth, and lusty days:
And raised of him an ill report,
with shame and great dispraise.
24. ⁴⁶How long away from me, O Lord,
forever wilt thou turn?
And shall thine anger still alway
as fire, consume and burn?
⁴⁷O call to mind, remember then,
my time consumeth fast:
Why hast thou made the sons of men,
as things in vain to waste?
25. ⁴⁸What man is he that liveth here,
and death shall never see?
Or from the hand of hell his soul
shall he deliver free?
⁴⁹Where is (O Lord) thine old goodness,
so oft declared before:⁵⁰
Which by thy truth and uprightness,
to David thou hast sworn.
26. ⁵⁰The great rebukes to mind, Lord, call,
that on thy servants lie:
The railings of the people all,
bear in my breast do I:
⁵¹For why? O Lord, behold thy foes
blasphemed have thy name:
In that their steps whom thou hast chose
and 'ointed,⁵¹ they defame.

⁵⁰ Before.

⁵¹ Anointed.

27. ⁵²All praise to thee, O Lord, of Hosts,
both now and eke for aye:
Through sky, and earth, in all the coasts,
Amen, Amen, I say.