

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #4 – Nov. 29th

Text: Psalm 89:3-4

You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,
‘I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.’”

Devotion: Jillian Pruitt

My husband and I have enjoyed diving into “The Crown” – the drama series on Netflix focused around the royal family of Great Britain. We’re not sure why we’re so fascinated with the show or the history of the royals; but all of the twists and turns, secrets, betrayals and constant desire within the family to maintain this vision of purity and integrity really draws one in. What is so intriguing, even now as the Queen is experiencing a decline in health, is the importance the family puts on keeping the crown within the bloodline and “ensuring” that the bloodline is “pure.”

In verse 4, the Psalmist refers to David’s line and throne being established and firm. We know he is pointing directly to Jesus - our true King, born of the virgin Mary who descended from David. Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, spotless, and pure, came from a bloodline that was filled with adulterers, prostitutes and murderers. If any bloodline “should” be concerned about purity, it would certainly be the bloodline of the King of Kings and Savior of the world. But God’s Word does not hide the truth of man’s sin. God’s Word does not cover up scandals or gloss over “minor” sins. The genealogy of Jesus does not boast of a perfect bloodline, but instead highlights the faithfulness and goodness of our God.

The Psalmist writes in verse 3 that God said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one.” When God makes a promise, we can bank on it. God promised David that a Savior would come from his line, and He delivered on that promise! We look forward to Christmas Day, the day on which we remember that God kept His covenant (His promise) by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, who then died for our sins and rose again to secure our salvation.

During this Advent season, let us meditate on God’s faithfulness and goodness. He fulfilled His promise to David – Jesus is our King forever, therefore the throne is “firm through all generations.” We can be sure that God will fulfill the promises in His Word.

Closing Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your perfect love and faithfulness. Thank you that you can use a bloodline of sinners to bring glory to our King Jesus. Thank you for fulfilling your covenant to David and sending Jesus to bring salvation to us, your children. Let us remain firm in your promises and find joy in knowing that you are at work and still keeping your promises. Amen.