

# Psalms 89:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

## Analysis

**Thou hast a mighty arm** (גִּבּוֹר זְרוּעָךְ)—Gibbor (mighty, warrior, hero) describes God's zeroa (arm), symbolizing His power to act in history. **Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand** (תָּעוֹז יָדְךָ תְּרוּם יְמִינְךָ)—Ta'oz (strong, prevails) characterizes the yad (hand), while the yamin (right hand) is tarum (lifted high, exalted). The right hand signifies honor, favor, and saving power.

God's 'mighty arm' is a recurring Exodus motif (Exodus 6:6, 15:16, Deuteronomy 5:15)—the same arm that brought Israel out of Egypt would establish David's throne and ultimately accomplish salvation through Christ. Isaiah 53:1 asks 'to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?'—answered in Jesus, God's mighty arm made flesh. The 'right hand' becomes Jesus's position of authority (Psalm 110:1, Acts 2:33), from which He rules and intercedes.

## Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern victory stelae often depicted kings with raised arms symbolizing conquest. Israel subverted this—not the king's arm but Yahweh's arm wins battles. David's victories were attributed to God's might, preparing for the Messiah who would conquer not by human strength but by divine power.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## **Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory**

### **Study Questions**

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1. Where do you need to see God's 'mighty arm' at work in circumstances that seem immovable?
2. How does Jesus as God's 'right hand' exalted change your understanding of who has ultimate authority in your life?
3. In what ways are you tempted to rely on your own 'arm' (strength, resources, strategies) rather than God's?

### **Interlinear Text**

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לֵךְ	זֶרְעוֹ	עִם	גִּבּוֹרְהָ	פָּעֵל	יְדָךְ	תָּרֹם
H0	<b>arm</b>	H5973	<b>Thou hast a mighty</b>	<b>strong</b>	<b>is thy hand</b>	<b>and high</b>
	H2220		H1369	H5810	H3027	H7311

יְמִינָךְ:  
**is thy right hand**  
H3225