

Psalm 77 A Psalm of Asaph (prepared for Jeduthun, the chief musician)

¹ When troubles surrounded me on every side, I raised my voice and cried aloud in prayer confident that the LORD would hear me. ² I sought the LORD, and in the night I prayed with uplifted hands and didn't even get tired. Even though I prayed fervently, not getting an answer brought no comfort whatsoever. ³ When God came to mind I moaned because all I could do was wait on Him to do something for me, and when I sighed in complaint I became overwhelmed by my troubles.

Now stop what you are doing and seriously consider the severity of my plight. What would you do if you were in my sandals?

⁴ LORD, Your unwillingness to help me has kept me awake at night, and I am so agitated that I can't even speak. ⁵⁻⁶ I remember the way You worked on my behalf in years gone by, and I also remember my songs in the night when You were there with me. Therefore, I will meditate upon Your Word, and I will search diligently hoping to discover the truth that will help me today. ⁷ LORD, will You reject me forever? Will You ever show Your favor toward me again? ⁸ Have You completely forgotten how to show Your tender love and kindness toward me? Have Your promises come to a complete and abrupt end? ⁹ Have You forgotten how to extend grace to me in my time of need, and have You withdrawn Your desire to bestow Your tender mercies upon me when You see me in trouble?

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¹⁰ Then I said to myself, "My grief is what has made me doubt the LORD's power to rescue me." ¹¹⁻¹² I know what I will do. I will meditate upon all of the wonderful things You have done and the way You have helped others in years gone by. ¹³ LORD, Your way is holy, and everything You do is good even though I don't understand. No other god is great like You. ¹⁴ After all, You are the God who does wonders, and You have made Your power known. ¹⁵ By Your power You have redeemed the people of Israel – that is, every one of them who has trusted in Jesus Christ¹ as personal savior.

Now stop what you are doing and seriously consider the power of God to rescue you when troubles come your way. Will you turn to God's Word when things get hard?

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ At the time of Your choosing, You decided to bring forth the great flood of Noah's day, You agitated the waters in the sky so that they fell, and You agitated the waters in the ground so that they gushed forth to fill the earth. Lightning flashed, the thunder sounded on every side from within the whirlwinds of the storm, and the earth shook from the booms of that thunder. ¹⁹ You manipulated the seas when the mighty catastrophe unfolded, and Your fingerprints were all over the whole thing. Any unbiased student of natural science would see and understand that. ²⁰ Yet on a kinder note, You were gentle when You used Moses and Aaron to lead the children of Israel during the wilderness wanderings. What a wonderful God!

¹ Since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.