

# Summer in the Psalms Part 4 - Saturday

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## God in the Middle of Our Fire

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## Psalm 77 Gives Us Seven Journey Stations in a Believer's Life

### 1. The Believer's TROUBLES

**Psalm 77:1**, *I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. 2 When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.*

**Psalm 34:19**, *Many are the afflictions of the righteous...*

### 2. The Believer's RESPONSE to the Troubles

**Psalm 77:3**, *I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. 4 You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. 5 I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; 6 I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked:*

**John 14:26**, *But the helper, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

### 3. The Believer's QUESTIONS About God

**Psalm 77:7**, *"Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? 8 Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"*

**Psalm 42:10**, *As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me; While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"*

#### **4. The Believer's DECISION**

**Psalm 77:10**, *Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. 11 I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. 12 I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."*

**Micah 7:7**, *Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.*

#### **5. The REMEMBRANCE of God's Works**

**Psalm 77:13**, *Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? 14 You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. 15 With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.*

**Deuteronomy 6:12**, *then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*

#### **6. The GREATNESS of God**

**Psalm 77:16**, *The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. 17 The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth. 18 Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. 19 Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.*

**Job 37:5**, *God thunders wondrously with His voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.*

#### **7. The PARTNERSHIP of God With His People**

**Psalm 77:20**, *You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

**Isaiah 6:8**, *Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, And will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me.*

#### **The Disciple's Attitude Concerning Suffering**

**Acts 5:41**, *So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.*

**James 1:2**, *My brethren count it all joy when you fall into various trials*

**Psalm 34:19**, *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all*

## **Christian Suffering Is an Opportunity for Great Joy**

### **Three Ways Christians Suffer:**

#### **1. Through Ignorance**

**Hosea 4:6**, *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*

#### **SOLUTION: By Acquiring Knowledge**

*\* 2 Timothy 3:16,\* All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*

#### **2. Through Satan's Attack**

*\* 1 Peter 5:8,\* Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

#### **SOLUTION: By Submitting to God and Resisting the Devil**

*\* James 4:7,\* Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

#### **3. Through Sin**

*\* John 5:14,\* Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."*

#### **SOLUTION: Repentance and Confession of Faults**

*\* James 5:16,\* Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

## **The Power of God Is Available to Deliver**

**Daniel 3:15**, *...But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"*