

JUNE 2021

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

6 June 2021

Text : **Psalm 77**

Title : **“I will meditate on all Your work”**

INTRODUCTION

1. The Psalmist Asaph

a) Significantly mentioned in 1 Chronicles 25:1-2

b) He was listed with 2 others

i) Asaph

ii) Heman

iii) Jeduthun (1 Chronicles 25:1)

c) His ministries

i) Prophecy

ii) Music

iii) Skilled (1 Chronicles 25:1)

d) Supervisory role

i) Asaph's sons

ii) Prophetic ministry

iii) Under the direction of Asaph (1 Chronicles 25:2)

2. The Psalms of Asaph

a) Altogether 12 Psalms

b) Psalms 50, 73-83

GLIMPSES OF ASAPH'S PUBLIC MINISTRY

1. The Public Ministry of Prayer

- a) Public Worship
- b) Prayers were formally uttered

2. The Public Ministry of Praise

- a) A Temple musician
- b) Supportive role

3. The Public Ministry of Prophecy

- a) As and when God gives a prophetic word
- b) Not a fixed role

GLIMPSES OF THE PERSONAL PRAYER LIFE OF ASAPH

1. Recalling a time when God heard and answered Prayers (Psalm 77:1)

*"I cried out to God with my voice—
to God with my voice;
and He gave ear to me" Psalm 77:1*

- a) A happy memory
- b) A wonderful experience

2. Remembering a time when God did not seem to hear his prayers

a) Seeking God

"In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD;" Psalm 77:2a

b) Outstretched hand

"My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing" Psalm 77:2b

c) Soul searching

"My soul refused to be comforted" Psalm 77:2c

d) Remembering God

"I remembered God, and was troubled" Psalm 77:3a

e) A complaining spirit

"I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed" Psalm 77:3b

f) Troubled

"I am so troubled that I cannot speak" Psalm 77:4b

g) Anguish

"This is my anguish" Psalm 77:10a

FINDING THE WAY OUT OF A SPIRITUAL DILEMMA

1. Recalling Biblical history

- a) "I have considered the days of old" (Psalm 77:5a)
- b) "The years of ancient times" (Psalm 77:5b)

2. Recalling a song in the night

- a) A special song remembered

"I call to remembrance my song in the night" Psalm 77:6a

- b) This song brought a measure of comfort

3. The Practice of Meditation

- a) Meditation of the heart

"I meditate within my heart" Psalm 77:6b

- b) Search of the spirit

"And my spirit makes diligent search" Psalm 77:6c

- c) Remembering the right hand of God

*"But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High"
Psalm 77:10b*

- d) Remembering God's works

*"I will remember the works of the LORD,
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old" Psalm 77:11*

- e) Meditation on God's work

*"I will also meditate on all Your work
And talk of Your deeds" Psalm 77:12*

THE GREATNESS OF GOD REDISCOVERED

1. The way of God

*“Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;
Who is so great a God as our God?” Psalm 77:13*

2. The wonders of God

*“You are the God who does wonders;
You have declared Your strength among the peoples” Psalm 77:14*

3. The redemptive work of God

*“You have with Your arm redeemed Your people;
The sons of Jacob and Joseph” Psalm 77:15*

CONCLUSION

1. Don't give in to Despair

2. Practise Meditation

- a) Of the heart
- b) Of the mind
- c) Of the spirit

3. Rediscover

- a) Faith in God
- b) Strength and Hope