

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

MY SONG IN THE NIGHT

PSALMS 77

Text: Psalms 77:6

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⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Introduction:

This the sixth psalm attributed to Asaph. We are not certain when it was written but it seems that it may have been written following the Assyrian invasion.

1. THE SIGHING OF THE PSALMIST

A. The Psalmist Prays (vs. 1-3)

- Deliberately (vs. 1)

Psalm 77:1

¹ I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

Not only did he pray deliberately but also:

- Despairingly (vs. 2)

Psalm 77:2

² *In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.*

Not only did he pray deliberately and despairingly but also:

- Desperately (vs. 3)

Psalm 77:3

³ *I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.*

Not only did the Psalmist Pray but also:

B. The Psalmist Ponders (vs. 4-6)

- Why He Pondered (vs. 4)

Psalm 77:4

⁴ *Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.*

The Psalmist was so troubled that he was sleepless and speechless.

Not only do we see why he pondered but also:

- What He Pondered (vs. 5-6)

Psalm 77:5-6

⁵ *I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.* ⁶ *I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.*

- He pondered the past exploits of God (vs. 5)
- He pondered his past experience of God (vs. 6)

Not only did the Psalmist Pray and Ponder but also:

C. The Psalmist Probes (vs. 7-9)

- The Permanence of the Situation (vs. 7-8)

Psalm 77:7-8

⁷ *Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?* ⁸ *Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore?*

- The Perplexities of the Situation (vs. 9)

Psalm 77:9

⁹ *Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.*

The Psalmist ask 6 questions in three short verses.

These are questions that we often ask as well.

We have considered the Sighing of the Psalmist note lastly:

2. THE SINGING OF THE PSALMIST (vs. 10-20)

Note:

A. What the Psalmist Resolved

- To Revive His Memory (vs. 10-11)

Psalm 77:10-11

¹⁰ And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. ¹¹ I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

- To Redirect His Meditations (vs. 12)

Psalm 77:12

¹² I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Note not only what the Psalmist resolved but also:

B. What the Psalmist Realized (vs. 13-15)

- The Secret (vs. 13a)

Psalm 77:13

¹³ Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

- The Solution (vs. 13b-15)

Psalm 77:13-15

¹³ Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God? ¹⁴ Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. ¹⁵ Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

Note not only what the Psalmist resolved and realized but also:

C. What the Psalmist Recalled (vs. 16-20)

- How God Liberated in the Past (vs. 16-19)

Psalm 77:16-19

¹⁶ The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled. ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. ¹⁸ The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the

world: the earth trembled and shook. ¹⁹ Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

- How God Led in the Past (vs. 20)

Psalm 77:20

²⁰ Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Close:

Read the words of the hymn “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”