

Learning to lament 4: pray the gospel, Psalm 77v13-20

In v10-12 this distressed believer chose to turn from basing his feelings about God on his current emotions, which are unreliable, to fixing his mind upon God's revealed truth. And in v13-20 God provides for us a worked example of how to meditate on and pray God's truth. As we learn to pray like this we find that He supernaturally grants us that peace which passes all human understanding to still our anxious fears. So, although his circumstances are the same at the end of the Psalm, the believer's approach to the day ahead has radically changed!

- 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.
- 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.
- ²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

This Old Testament believer sets his mind on how the Holy God of Israel performed miracles and rescued his people from Egypt through the events of the Exodus. He anchors his fitful soul to the truth of who God is and what He's done, based on God's actions for his people in the past. He knew of these events through God's word. He prays God's truth.

For us, we look back to the cross as God's mighty act of rescue. The Holy God came to earth in Jesus Christ. He performed miracles and demonstrated his mighty power over nature, over sickness, over death. He died on the cross to rescue us from slavery to sin and rose from the grave to prove sin and death no longer rule us if we trust in Christ. Our good shepherd provides for us and leads us day by day by His Spirit, through His word, until he brings us home. We know of these events through God's word. We pray the gospel.

So, if this Holy and powerful God is for us, who can be against us?

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Take time today to meditate upon v13-20 here and pray the gospel truths until God grants you His peace which passes all understanding.