Psalm 77:1-20 Present Distress – Remembering Mighty Works of Elohiym

The Consoling Memory of God's Redemptive Works

To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 -I cried out to Elohiym (God) with my voice To Elohiym (God) with my voice; And He gave ear to me.
- ² In the day of my trouble I sought Adonay (the Lord); My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.
- ³ I remembered Elohiym (God), and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Selah

- ⁴ You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- ⁵ I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times.
- ⁶ I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.
- ⁷ Will Adonay (the Lord) cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?
- ⁸ Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore?
- ⁹ Has El (God) forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies?

Selah

- ¹⁰ And I said, "This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."
- ¹¹ I will remember the works of Yah (the LORD); Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
- 12 I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.
- ¹³ Your way, O Elohiym (God), *is* in the sanctuary; Who *is* so great a El (God) as *our* Elohiym (God)?
- ¹⁴ You *are* El (God) who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.
- ¹⁵ You have with *Your* arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Selah

- ¹⁶ The waters saw You, O Elohiym (God); The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.
- ¹⁸ The voice of Your thunder *was* in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.
- ¹⁹ Your way *was* in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.
- ²⁰ You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Facts Revealed:

❖ I cried out to Elohiym (God) with my voice — To Elohiym (God) with my voice;
And He gave ear to me.

In the day of my trouble I sought Adonay (the Lord); My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered Elohiym (God), and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. [Psalm 77:1-3]

- ♦ Asaph cried out to Elohiym and was heard.
- ♦ Just remembering Elohiym did not help, while complaining his spirit was overwhelmed.
- ❖ You hold my eyelids *open*; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

Will Adonay (the Lord) cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore? Has El (God) forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender

mercies? [Psalm 77:4-9]

- ❖ Unable to sleep, considering Israel's history with Elohiym, and his song in the night, Asaph questions if Adonay El has cast them off forever.
- And I said, "This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

I will remember the works of Yah (the LORD); Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

Your way, O Elohiym (God), *is* in the sanctuary; Who *is* so great a El (God) as *our* Elohiym (God)?

You are El (God) who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.

You have with *Your* arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Psalm 77:10-15]

- ♦ Yet, Asaph is determined to focus on the great works of God in the past.
- The waters saw You, O Elohiym (God); The waters saw You, they were afraid;
 The depths also trembled.

The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.

The voice of Your thunder *was* in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron. [Psalm 77:16-20]

→ Hs remembered the great power Elohiym displayed bringing the Children of Israel from Egyptian bondage to the Promised Land by the hand of Moses and Aaron.