

## Study Guide

### Psalm 77:1-10

1. Read Psalm 77:10-12:

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Have you found yourself in a situation when you feel that God is silent?

Notice the determination in Asaph's language (3x "I will..."), where he chooses not to live by his feelings, but instead by faith. Discuss.

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Notice how Asaph is determined to focus on the proven dependability of God. Share a story from the Bible or from a life experience when God has proven Himself dependable over time. What was it like during the waiting period?

3. Read Psalm 77:13-15:

<sup>13</sup>Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

<sup>14</sup>You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. <sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*"

Discuss the difference between God and gods (idols). How is God superior to the things we tend to rely on?

4. In verse 15 Asaph references the redemption of Israel.

the people said: (Ex. 14:12)

*"Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."*

with: Moses said: (Ex. 14:13-14)

*"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."*

Discuss the difference between what the people say and what Moses says. What do we learn about the struggle between feelings and faith? Share any final conclusions.

### **Application**

Take some time to pray for God to reveal an area where you are struggling to believe Him. Ask Him to help you increase your faith and follow the example of Asaph in being determined to trust the dependability of God.

### **Message Slides**

#### **When God is silent (Psalm 77:1-9)**

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1. Test of faith
2. He spoke, but I didn't listen
3. I'm not ready yet.

#### ***How did Asaph respond to the silence of God?***

**Big Idea: When God is silent, I choose faith, pondering the dependability and perfection of God.**

*Psalm 77:7-9*

*"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable?*

*Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time?*

*Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion? Selah."*

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**A. I Choose Faith (v.10-12)**

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**B. Pondering God! (v.10-12)**

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**1. Dependability!**

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**How does Asaph let it sink in?**

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**What does it mean to "ponder"?**

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Israel

2. Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

3. John the Baptist

**2. Perfection (v. 13-15)**

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What god is great like our God?

God vs. gods

1. Created all things vs. Created nothing

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2. Predicted the future  | vs. Don't know what tomorrow holds |
| 3. Reveals Himself to us | vs. Deaf, dumb, blind (idols)      |
| 4. Saves us              | vs. Can't save us                  |
| 5. Rises from the dead   | vs. Buried                         |
| 6. Promises His return   | vs. Unreliable                     |
| 7. Gives us all things   | vs. Rob, steal, and destroy        |

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