The Significant Conjunction

Conjunction: a word used to connect clauses

Significant: sufficiently important to be worthy of attention

Let's read – and feel – Psalm 77:1-9

To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.

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

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.

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

⁴Thou holdest mine eyes waking: 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 commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

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?

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

Now let us read **Psalm 77:10**

"And I said, This is my infirmity: BUT I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High."

This Psalm asks and answers a big question: Is God really good and can I really trust Him?

Remember the question to Eve.

1 Corinthians 4:5 says in part, "Therefore judge nothing before the time..."

Romans 8:28 says in part, "And we know that all things work together for good..."

Life is tough, complicated and uncontrollable.

That is why faith in God is so valuable.

The secret of Job's victory – Job 19:25 – "For $\underline{l \text{ know}}$ that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

Let's go back to verse 10 of Psalm 77

"...but I will remember..."

This conjunction comes after nine verses of the psalmist recounting his troubles in life. You can feel that he is burdened and concerned, even fearful, of his situation.

In this state, he delivers an antidote to his situation. An antidote to his fear and worry.

- 1. I will remember past blessings ("the years of the right hand").
- 2. I will remember the works and wonders of the Lord.
- 3. I will meditate (think) of His work and talk of His doings.

Remember – Focus – Say! Ignites faith!

The accomplishing power of prayer is faith

"...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

Repeatedly, the scriptures say – "Thy faith has made you (whole)"

Prayer without faith is good spiritual exercise but has no power of accomplishment.

Faith is the **accomplishing** power of prayer.

Faith comes by hearing – hearing the Word – Romans 10:17

"This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

He makes every day!

Control your mind – fill it with God's word and promises

Romans 12:2 – "Renew your mind..."

1 Peter 1:13 – "Gird up your mind..."

Practice 'replacement therapy'

Isaiah 26:3 – "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: <u>because he</u> trusteth in thee."

Be careful to not distrust God!

Remember – meditate – speak.

Regardless of the happenings of life – add God to the mix.

"...but God..."