

Thy Way Was in the Sea

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God has a way for us today, just as He did for Israel, and heaven has the answer to every impasse and deadlock.

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Scripture: Exodus 14:21, Psalm 77:2-4, Psalm 77:14, Psalm 77:16, Psalm 77:18

Topics: "Christian Life"

Description

The video is a sermon about the way in which the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt and through the Red Sea. The speaker reflects on how he had previously written a song about this mighty work of God and now finds himself needing to apply the same message to his own life. He emphasizes that just as God made a way for the Israelites when there seemed to be no way, God has a way for us today in our own difficult circumstances. The speaker encourages the audience to lift up their heads and have hope, as heaven always has a way out and a solution to our problems.

Transcript

Continue with thy blessing upon the remaining moments of our being together and say something to us Lord that will be of real help at this moment and in the days which are before us in the name of our Lord Jesus.

In order to get the real value of the word this morning I have to read to you 20 verses comprising Psalm 77.

Psalm 77 I will cry unto God with my voice even unto God with my voice he will give ear unto me they of my trouble I sought the Lord my hand was stretched out in the night and slept not my soul refused to be comforted I remember God and am disquieted I complain and my spirit is overwhelmed thou holdest mine eyes watching I'm so troubled that I cannot speak I have considered the days of old the years of ancient times I called for remembrance my song in the night I commune with mine own heart my spirit made diligent self will the Lord cast off forever will he be favorable no more is his mercy clean gone forever does his promise fail forevermore hath God forgotten to be gracious has he in anger shut up his tender mercies and I said this is my infirmity but I will remember the years the right

hand the most high I will make mention of the deeds of the Lord for I will remember thy wonders of old I will meditate also upon all thy work and muse on thy doings thy way O God is in the sanctuary who is a great God like unto God thou art the God that doest wonders thou hast made known thy strength among

the people thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people the sons of Jacob and Joseph the waters saw thee O God the waters saw thee they were afraid the depths also trembled clouds poured out water skies sent out a sound thine arrows also went abroad the voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind the lightnings lightened the world the earth trembled and shook thy way was in the sea thy paths in the great waters and thy footsteps were not known thou leadest thy people like a flock by the

hand of Moses and Elm verse 19 particularly thy way was in the sea thy paths in the great waters thy footsteps were not known you will see by the heading this is one of the psalms attributed to Asaph Asaph as you know was David's choir master or choir leader the leader of the singers quite a number of the psalms are attributed to him here in psalm 77 he's in trouble man of music who has lost his music and lost his psalm for the time being is in real difficulty the difficulty cause of it we do not know but it is perfectly clear from the psalm the nature of it was that the signs manifestations of the lord's power the lord's glory were under eclipse Asaph could see nothing that indicated that the lord was concerned interested to say nothing of being active in concern for whatever the

situation may have been he could not see the lord and he could not see that the lord was doing anything at all about this matter whatever it was so cast down and depressed he contemplates the situation and the circumstances and the more he is occupied with that the deeper he sinks into the mire into the slough of despair and he goes on like that for a time we all know where that leads but thank god that if we are the lord's people if we really are the lord's and we have a history with the lord there comes a point where we can't go along that line and down that road any further we get a reaction from within and so we find right in the midst of this sand out poured complete a turning point at verse 10 this is my infirmity i will remember the years of the right hand of the most that but is

the turning point from that point the dark night will begin to give place to the rising sun of a new outlook and a new prospect what does he do this man he begins to think again and perhaps he does not have to think back very far when he says i will remember my song in the night which does not mean that he would remember that there was a time when he sang in the dark and there was a time when he was more cheerful than he is at this moment it does not mean that i will call to remembrance not that i did sing once and i'm not singing today i will call to remembrance what i did sing what it was that i sang that night that night i could not sleep and so i occupied the time with composing a song for the choir i composed a song for my choir that night for the people to sing and what was my song

that i composed it was about the way in which the lord got his people out of egypt and through the red sea i made up this song or this psalm about that mighty work of god in delivering his people i provided this this song for the people of god and now i'm just there where i need my own song where i need to take a dose of my own medicine where i need the very thing that i had talked to others about where my doctrine must become personal i made it up and gave it to the choir for the lord's people now it's come back on me i must remember what i told other people in times of difficulty what i had said to them i must bring that right into my own present experience and that was the point at which the streaks of dawn passed over his dark sky and heralded a coming day in the end of the psalm as

you see he's out in the light he's out in the light but there is one phrase here and that's why i picked it out from the 19th verse which seems to me to be the focal point of the whole psalm on both its sides thy way the trouble with asaph was that he could not see the way he could not see a way at all situation was such as to be like a siege around his soul the dark forces had compassed him about and he could see no way out and no way through there's no way this is the end there's no way through i see no way at all that

seems to have been the trouble with asaph you read the first verses it's just that just that no way out no way through then i recall my sorrow israel how could they get out of egypt no way out later the red sea pharaoh's army behind in pursuit desert and the mountains on

either side and that deep and terrible sea straddling the path ahead everything spoke of death and the grave shame reproach and calamity marking the end of the road no way out no way through thy way oh lord was in the sea thy paths in great waters i said that for other people to take up that god is never without a way when we are he led them through the deep god was in no quandary god had to make no detours and bypasses he went straight through thy way a little clause or line thy footsteps were not known indicates everybody was saying where where can the lord put his feet where is a way for the lord to tread we can't see what the lord can do just cannot see which way the lord will go or can go thy footsteps were not known no one knew what you would do lord but it happened thou ledest them

through they went through they came out on the other side the lord knew what he would do the lord knew the way that he would take be it sea or be it mountain these are no obstructions to the lord he goes through as though they were not there now asaph said i put that into a song at one time in the night but now today i've got to believe what i myself have preached and said before there's a way for the lord the lord and heaven always have a way when we can see no way when a way seems an impossible thing well that is the truth isn't it i mean that was that's history in the case of israel and here is this man bringing it right up to date in his own life and experience in such a time as seemed like that no way no way no way it's an end of everything ah but the god who made a way through the

sea and brought his people through has a way for me today he has a way for me this sort of thing has occurred more than once as you know in bible history the day when sennacherib's army encompassed jerusalem mighty army and hezekiah the people inside could see no way no way humanly speaking there was no way out or through hezekiah with eyes eye went to the lord about it well let sennacherib with his mighty host be spread over all the plain the lord can take a very simple way through as he did one angel from heaven and heaven had the answer to the lockup to the deadlock to the impasse heaven has the way and i lead you from that to the gospel by luke and you will recall those words in the lord's description of how things will be at the end chapter 21 of luke's gospel such such a prediction

and such a prevision as could never possibly have been exhausted in the siege of jerusalem it's carried right on to the end of the age a marvelous description the things as we today see them in every way and right there in verse 25 we have translated these words distress of nation distress of nation that in itself is descriptive of our time but get behind those english words to the original words and what have we the original simply says no way out for the nations no way out for the nations was ever anything more accurate the description of how things are today then listen when you see these things come to pass lift up your heads your way out for as much your redemption your way out that's what it is yes looking around we might well be like asaph contemplating the situation and the

circumstances the ominous times of our time we might go down that street called despair there's a way out heaven has the answer right at the end and dear friends if this chapter means anything at all it means this that so far as things down here on this earth are concerned that is how it will be there'll be no way out and no way through and it's becoming very very much like that now for the nation but it says when down here it's like that you lift up your heads because heaven has a way out for you church will go out that way lift up your heads and your redemption your way out draw it nigh yes god is never at the end of his resources heaven always has the answer when it seems there's no way he has the way thy way was in the same

way thy paths in great waters yes great waters sometimes dark

and terrible waters as on that night through the red sea but it's a way that god has for his earth

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