Bible Alive 365 – Day #115

Psalm 73, 77-78

Psalms 73:1-28 A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are of a clean heart. **2** But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. **3** For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked. **4** For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* firm. **5** They *are* not in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued like *other* men. **6** Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment. **7** Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. **8** They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily. **9** They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. **10** Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them. **11** And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? **12** Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase *in* riches. **13** Verily I have cleansed my heart *in* vain, and washed my hands in innocency. **14** For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. **15** If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children. **16** When I thought to know this, it *was* too painful for me; **17** Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *then* understood I their end. **18** Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. **19** How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. **20** As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so,* O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. **21** Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. **22** So foolish *was* I, and ignorant: I was *as* a beast before thee. **23** Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand. **24** Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory. **25** Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee. **26** My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. **27** For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. **28** But *it is* good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Psalms 77:1-20 To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph. I 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. **4** Thou 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. **10** And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High. **11** I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. **12** I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. **13** Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God? **14** Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. **15** Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. **16** The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled. **17** The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. **18** The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook. **19** Thy way *is* in the sea,

and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known. **20** Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalms 78:1-72 Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. **2** I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: **3** Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. **4** We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. **5** For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: **6** That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children: **7** That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: **8** And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God. **9** The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, *and* carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. **10** They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; **11** And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them. **12** Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan. **13** He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. **14** In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. **15** He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as *out of* the great depths. **16** He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers. **17** And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. **18** And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. **19** Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? **20** Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? **21** Therefore the LORD heard *this,* and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; **22** Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: **23** Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, **24** And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. **25** Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. **26** He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind. **27** He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: **28** And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. **29** So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire; **30** They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths, **31** The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen *men* of Israel. **32** For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works. **33** Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble. **34** When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. **35** And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer. **36** Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. **37** For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. **38** But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. **39** For he remembered that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. **40** How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert! **41** Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. **42** They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy. **43** How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan: **44** And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink. **45** He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. **46** He gave also their increase unto the caterpiller,

and their labour unto the locust. **47** He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with frost. **48** He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts. **49** He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels *among them.* **50** He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; **51** And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham: **52** But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. **53** And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. **54** And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased. **55** He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. **56** Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: **57** But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. **58** For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. **59** When God heard *this,* he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: **60** So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men; **61** And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. **62** He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance. **63** The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage. **64** Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation. **65** Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine. **66** And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach. **67** Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: **68** But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. **69** And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces,* like the earth which he hath established for ever. **70** He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: **71** From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. **72** So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.