

Luke 1:5-25 Handout

Psalm 77 (AMP)

I WILL cry to God with my voice, even to God with my voice, and He will give ear and hearken to me.

²In the day of my trouble I seek (inquire of and desperately require) the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out [in prayer] without slacking up; I refuse to be comforted.

**³I [earnestly] remember God; I am disquieted and I groan; I muse in prayer, and my spirit faints [overwhelmed].
Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!**

⁴You hold my eyes from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵I consider the days of old, the years of bygone times [of prosperity].

⁶I call to remembrance my song in the night; with my heart I meditate and my spirit searches diligently:

⁷Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?

⁸Have His mercy and loving-kindness ceased forever? Have His promises ended for all time?

**⁹Has God [deliberately] abandoned or forgotten His graciousness? Has He in anger shut up His compassion?
Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!**

¹⁰And I say, This [apparent desertion of Israel by God] is my appointed lot and trial, but I will recall the years of the right hand of the Most High [in loving-kindness extended

toward us], for this is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High changes.

¹¹I will [earnestly] recall the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will [earnestly] remember the wonders [You performed for our fathers] of old.

¹²I will meditate also upon all Your works and consider all Your [mighty] deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary [in holiness, away from sin and guilt]. Who is a great God like our God?

¹⁴You are the God Who does wonders; You have demonstrated Your power among the peoples.

¹⁵You have with Your [mighty] arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

¹⁶When the waters [at the Red Sea and the Jordan] saw You, O God, they were afraid; the deep shuddered also, for [all] the waters saw You.

¹⁷The clouds poured down water, the skies sent out a sound [of rumbling thunder]; Your arrows went forth [in forked lightning].

¹⁸The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind, the lightnings illumined the world; the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Your way [in delivering Your people] was through the sea, and Your paths through the great waters, yet Your footsteps were not traceable, but were obliterated.

²⁰You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Malachi 3:1 (AMP)

¹BEHOLD, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the Messenger or Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 4:5–6 (ESV)

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Luke 1:5 (AMP)

⁵In the days when Herod was king of Judea there was a certain priest whose name was Zachariah, of the daily service (the division) of Abia; and his wife was also a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

Matthew 2:13–16 (AMP)

¹³Now after they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, Get up! [Tenderly] take unto you the young Child and His mother and flee to Egypt; and remain there till I tell you

[otherwise], for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him.

¹⁴And having risen, he took the Child and His mother by night and withdrew to Egypt

¹⁵And remained there until Herod's death. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called My Son.

¹⁶Then Herod, when he realized that he had been misled by the wise men, was furiously enraged, and he sent and put to death all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that territory who were two years old and under, reckoning according to the date which he had investigated diligently and had learned exactly from the wise men.

Luke 1:6–9 (AMP)

⁶And they both were righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

⁷But they had no child, for Elizabeth was barren; and both were far advanced in years.

⁸Now while on duty, serving as priest before God in the order of his division,

⁹As was the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter [the sanctuary of] the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Matthew 27:50–51 (NASB95)

⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

Luke 1:10–25 (AMP)

¹⁰And all the throng of people were praying outside [in the court] at the hour of incense [burning].

¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

¹²And when Zachariah saw him, he was troubled, and fear took possession of him.

¹³But the angel said to him, Do not be afraid, Zachariah, because your petition was heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you must call his name John [God is favorable].

¹⁴And you shall have joy and exultant delight, and many will rejoice over his birth,

¹⁵For he will be great and distinguished in the sight of the Lord. And he must drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit even in and from his mother's womb.

Proverbs 20:1 (NASB95)

¹Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

Proverbs 23:30–33 (NASB95)

³⁰Those who linger long over wine, Those who go to taste mixed wine.

³¹Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it goes down smoothly;

³²At the last it bites like a serpent And stings like a viper.

³³Your eyes will see strange things And your mind will utter perverse things.

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV84)

¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Luke 1:16¹⁶And he will turn back and cause to return many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God,

¹⁷And he will [himself] go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is the knowledge and holy love of the will of God]—in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state].

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Luke 1:18¹⁸And Zachariah said to the angel, By what shall I know and be sure of this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years.

¹⁹And the angel replied to him, I am Gabriel. I stand in the [very] presence of God, and I have been sent to talk to you and to bring you this good news.

²⁰Now behold, you will be and will continue to be silent and not able to speak till the day when these things take place, because you have not believed what I told you; but my words are of a kind which will be fulfilled in the appointed and proper time.

²¹Now the people kept waiting for Zachariah, and they wondered at his delaying [so long] in the sanctuary.

²²But when he did come out, he was unable to speak to them; and they [clearly] perceived that he had seen a

vision in the sanctuary; and he kept making signs to them, still he remained dumb.

²³And when his time of performing priestly functions was ended, he returned to his [own] house.

²⁴Now after this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant, and for five months she secluded herself entirely, saying, [I have hid myself]

²⁵Because thus the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He deigned to look on me to take away my reproach among men.