

FROM WORRIES TO WONDERS

Psalm 77

**Consider three movements that transform
a woeful musician to a worshipping one.**

MOVEMENT # 1:

- The Tormented Worrier (1-9)

A. HIS PRAYER: Useless! (1-3)

1. I cried and God listened! (1) > But what did God hear?
2. I sought but my soul refused comfort (2)
3. I remembered God, and was troubled (3a)
4. I complained and was overwhelmed
5. This moping musician's voice, hands, mind and spirit were engaged but not eased!

B. HIS POSITION: Helpless! (4-6)

1. He can't sleep (4a)
2. He can't speak (4b)
3. He can't sing! (5-6) - Really bad for a musician!
- He tried to remember his song but he is out of tune and out of touch with God!

C. HIS PERSPECTIVE: Hopeless (7-9)

- His pondering (6) led to questioning (7-9)
1. Wondering about the future: Desperate questions implying distressing conclusions
 2. Letting his mind go with all sorts or possibilities: What if ?
 3. Stacking up stress over what might be.
 4. Blowing things way out of proportion
- He seems to associate his personal plight with a national crisis!
 5. A dejected distrust of God! > Will God depart (7); desert (8) or deny (9)?

D. HIS PRISON: Godless

1. He is totally focused on himself and not his Savior
2. There is a God-realization but no God-reliance here.

E. OUR PLIGHT: What does your song sound like?

- Do you know the tune of the tormented worrier?

TRANS: How can the tormented change his tune?

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MOVEMENT # 2:**- The Transforming Way (10)****A. ADMIT: I'M SICK AND SINNING (10a)**

1. I'm in anguish or infirmity - This is not the norm and should not be considered normal
2. I'm weak right now ... and this unbelief is sin
3. I'm inclined to make wrong inferences > I'm dying!

B. ACKNOWLEDGE: BUT THERE IS A SOVEREIGN GOD! (10b)

1. I will appeal to the years of the right hand of the Most High (ESV & NIV)
2. God's right hand is different than what I've declared about Him
3. God is in control and not under my control.

TRANS: We will wear out the worriers tune if we do not confess our sinfulness and contemplate God's "sovereignty".

MOVEMENT # 3:**- The Triumphant Wonderer (11-20)****A. HIS COMMITMENT TO GOD (11-12)**

1. I will remember (11)
2. I will meditate (12)

B. HIS CONFESSIONS ABOUT GOD (13-15)

1. God's Holiness (13)
2. God's Awesomeness (14a)
3. God's Mightiness (14b)
4. God's Powerfulness (15)

C. THE CONDUCT OF GOD (16-20)

1. In Sovereign Control (16-18)
2. For Special Deliverance (19-20)
 - a. God's path: Through the sea
 - b. God's presence: His prints were invisible but His presence was undeniable
 - c. God's protection: Leading His people like a flock
 - d. God's partners: Two assistants in Moses and Aaron

D. THE CONCENTRATION ON GOD (11-20)

- Meditating within (6) can bring questions (7-9); whereas meditating on Him (12) will bring confidence (13-20)

CONCLUSION: When God's current ways are a mystery (1-10), reflect on the God's history (11-20)

When we turn from sin and trust God the worries will end while the wonder begins, and the singer's song returns!

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