

December 31, 2017

Celebrate

Psalm 77:1-8: I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. ²When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. ³I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. ⁴You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. ⁵I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; ⁶I remembered my songs in the night. My heart meditated and my spirit asked: ⁷"Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? ⁸Has his unfailing love vanished forever?"

Psalm 77:10-12: Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand."¹¹I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹²I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

Joshua 4:1-7: When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ²"Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." ⁴So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, "What do these stones mean?" ⁷tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."



All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.