

# “When Dark Clouds Lift” – Part 2

Text: Psalm 77

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## A. The Condition of the Darkened Soul

1. Spiritual turmoil: Psalm 77:2, Psalm 61:2, Matthew 26:36-38
2. Sleeplessness: Psalm 77:2,4, Job 7:1-4
3. Spiritual Helplessness: Psalm 77:3-4, Psalm 32:4, 2 Corinthians 1:8

## B. The Source of the Darkened Soul

1. God: Psalm 77:4, Psalm 38:1-2, Job 23:16, Ruth 1:20
2. For testing: Isaiah 50:10
3. For sin: Psalm 38:3-8

## C. The Irrational Thought in the Darkened Soul

1. God's favor has changed toward the saint: Psalm 77:7-9
2. God's love has failed the saint: Psalm 77:8
3. God's Word has proven unreliable for the saint: Psalm 77:8
4. God's covenant has been abandoned toward the saint: Psalm 77:9

## D. The benefits gained from a Darkened Soul: Psalm 77:1-2, Psalm 77:4-6

1. Intensifying of prayer: Psalm 77:1-2, Psalm 88:1-2, Psalm 88:13
2. Submission to God's sovereignty: Ps. 77:4, Ps. 88:1, Rom. 8:26

## E. The \_\_\_\_\_ for A Darkened Soul

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the way out: Right Thinking  
Psalm 77:11-12, 1 Peter 1:13
2. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_ conflict  
Psalm 77:3, Psalm 77:11-12, Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 4:11

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the mind

a. Away from self: Ps. 77:11-12

1. From self to the Gospel

Colossians 1:21-23

2. From self to the purpose of God

Philippians 1:6

b. To God: Ps. 77:13-15, 77:20

1. Remember God's character

1 Peter 2:9-10

2. Remember God's personal nature

Deuteronomy 8:1-3