

Psalm 77:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Analysis

I will meditate also of all thy work (וְהִגִּיתִי בְּכָל-פְּעָלֶךָ). Hagah (הִגָּה) means to meditate, muse, ponder deeply—often with the connotation of verbal repetition (Psalms 1:2, 119:15). Po'al (פְּעָל) means work, deed, or action. The psalmist commits to contemplating the totality of God's historical acts. This verse parallels verse 11 but adds the dimension of verbal reflection.

And talk of thy doings (וְבָרַלְלֹתִיךְ אֲשִׁיחָה). Siach (שִׁיחָה) appears again (vv.3, 6)—but now directed not inward in complaint but outward in testimony. Alilah (אֲלִילָה) means deeds, acts, or works (often mighty acts). The movement is significant: from troubled meditation (v.3) to redemptive proclamation. Memory becomes testimony; private wrestling becomes public witness. This anticipates the psalm's climactic recital of the exodus (vv.13-20).

Historical Context

Biblical meditation differs from Eastern mysticism—it is not emptying the mind but filling it with God's revealed acts and words. The imperative to 'talk' (declare, recount) God's works runs throughout Scripture: "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD" (Psalm 78:4). Christian preaching and testimony continue this pattern—proclaiming what God has done in history (Acts 2:22-36).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does deliberate meditation on God's works move us from complaint to confidence?
2. What is the relationship between private meditation and public testimony about God's deeds?
3. How can you practice *hagah* (deep meditation) on God's acts in Christ this week?

Interlinear Text

אשִׁיחָה: בַּעַל יְלֹתָךְ יְבָג יְתִי
I will meditate H3605 also of all thy work H6467 of thy doings H5949 and talk H7878

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 71:24 (Parallel theme): My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalms 145:11 (Parallel theme): They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

Deuteronomy 6:7 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Psalms 145:4 (Parallel theme): One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Psalms 105:2 (Parallel theme): Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Psalms 104:34 (Parallel theme): My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Psalms 143:5 (Parallel theme): I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.