



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- > **First Week of June**
- > **Survey to Decide Best Day / Time**
  - > **Elder Nominations**
- > **Annual Meeting Agenda**

A photograph of an organ console with numerous brass pipes and a central window featuring a cross design. The scene is lit with warm, golden light.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Welcome to Worship at Christ Chapel

**Psalms in the Seasons of Life**





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**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SEASON?**

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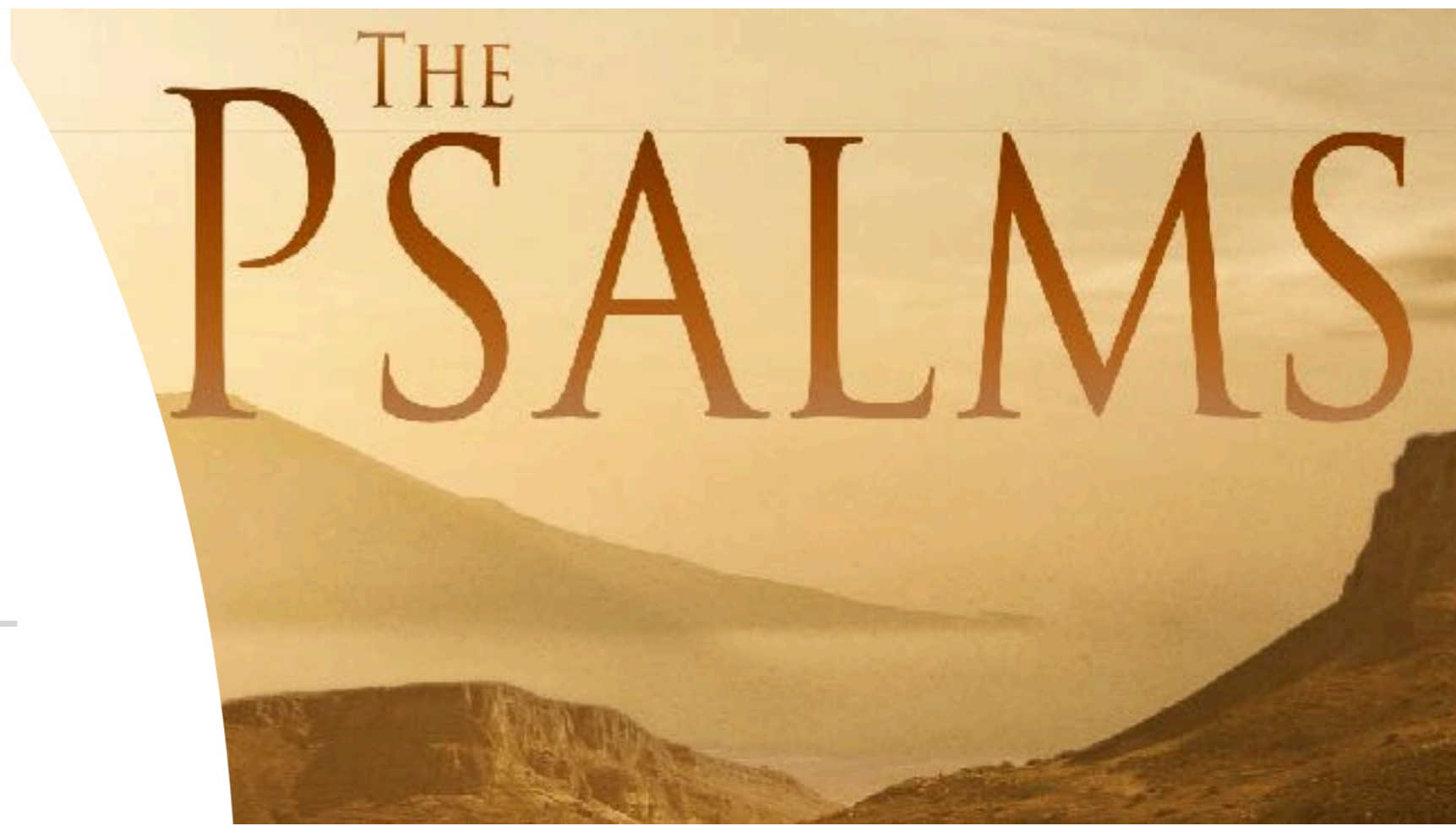
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# SONGS OF THE HEART

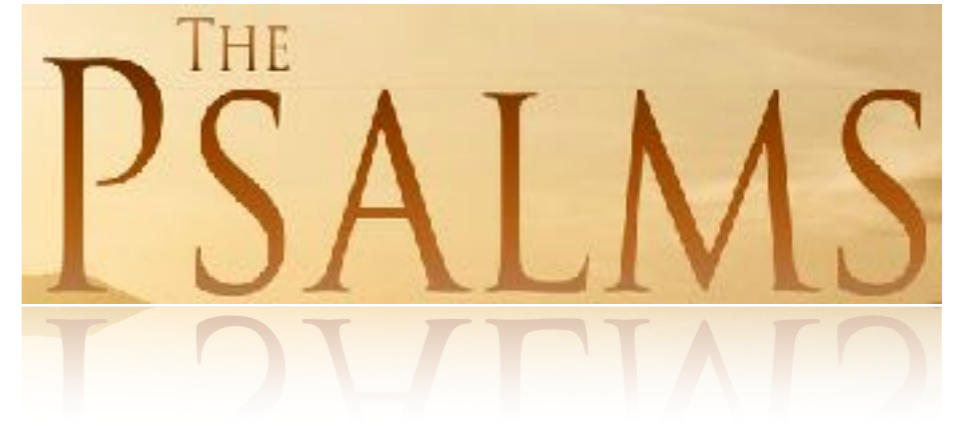
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# Psalm in the Seasons Of Life



# Psalm 18:1-6

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#1.

**A Deeper  
Dive into  
the Word**







Psalm 18 ▾ English Standard Version ▾

### The LORD Is My Rock and My Fortress

**To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who addressed the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. He said:**

**18**

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

**verse 1**

**2**

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

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**3**

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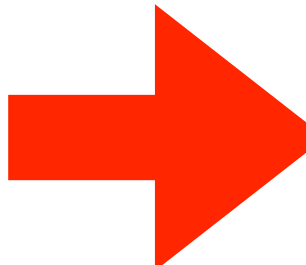
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Psaumes 18 ▾ Nouvelle Edition de Genève – NEG1979 ▾

**Louanges après la délivrance**

**verse 1**



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2 Je t'aime, ô Éternel, ma force!

3 Éternel, mon rocher, ma forteresse, mon libérateur!

Mon Dieu, mon rocher, où je trouve un abri!

Mon bouclier, la force qui me sauve, ma haute retraite!

4 Je m'écrie: Loué soit l'Éternel!

Et je suis délivré de mes ennemis.



Psaumes 18 ▾ La Bible du Semeur ▾

**Merci pour ta délivrance**

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Il est mon Dieu, le roc solide où je me réfugie.

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Psaumes 18 ▾ Louis Segond ▾

## verse 1

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**2** (18:3) Éternel, mon rocher, ma forteresse, mon libérateur! Mon Dieu, mon rocher, où je trouve un abri! Mon bouclier, la force qui me sauve, ma haute retraite!

**3** (18:4) Je m'écrie: Loué soit l'Éternel! Et je suis délivré de mes ennemis.

**4** (18:5) Les liens de la mort m'avaient environné, Et les torrents de la destruction m'avaient épouvanté;

# #2.

## Psalm:

### Comfort

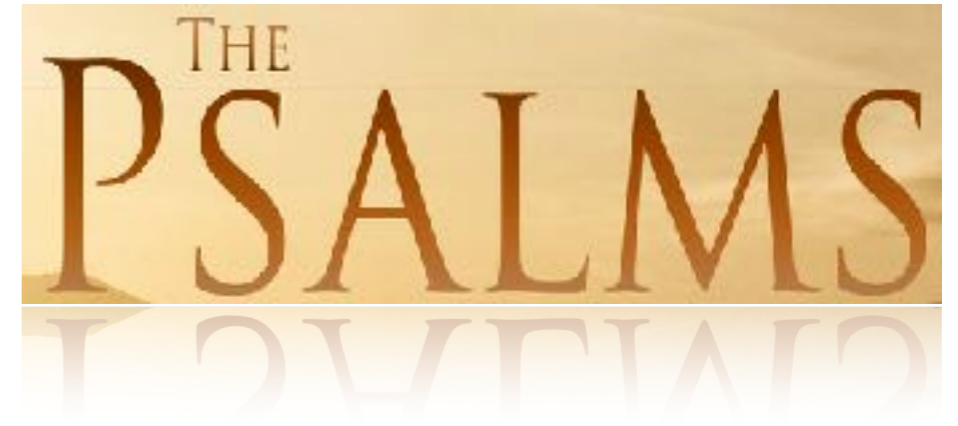
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### Deliverance



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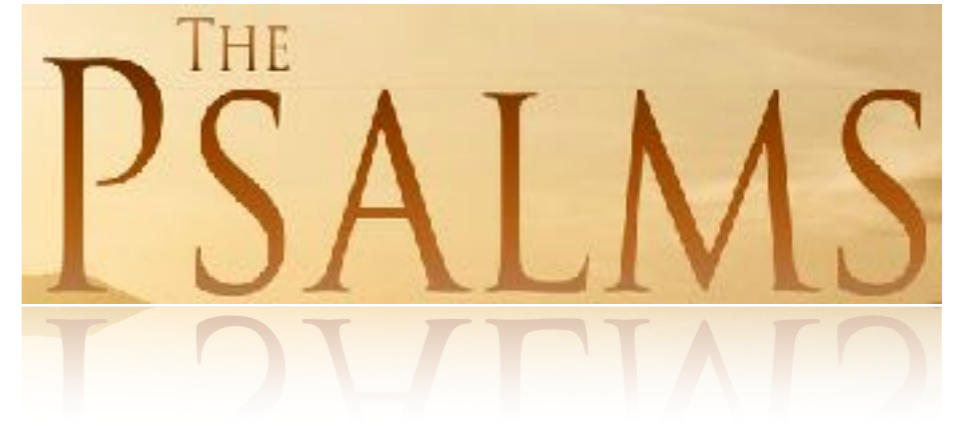
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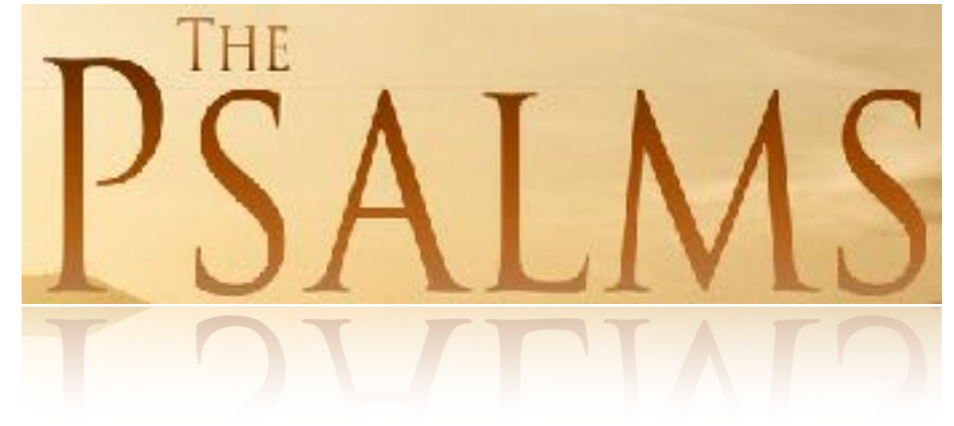
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# Saul & David

1. David anointed King (1 Sam 16)

2. David comforted Saul through music (1 Sam 16)

3. David killed Goliath (1 Sam 17)

4. Saul's jealousy caused bitterness and violence (1 Sam 18...)



# 1 Samuel 18

**7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."**

**8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.**

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“Office politics exist in virtually all organizations. They are the activities performed by individuals to improve their status and advance their personal agenda – sometimes at the expense of others.”



# Types of Office Politics Players



1. The Office Gossip



2. The Thief



3. The Power Freak



4. The Snake



5. The Clique Member



6. The Restrictor



7. The Ruler



8. The Schemer



9. The Lobbyist

# #3.

## Psalm:

### Comfort

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### Desperation





# Psalm 18:1-6

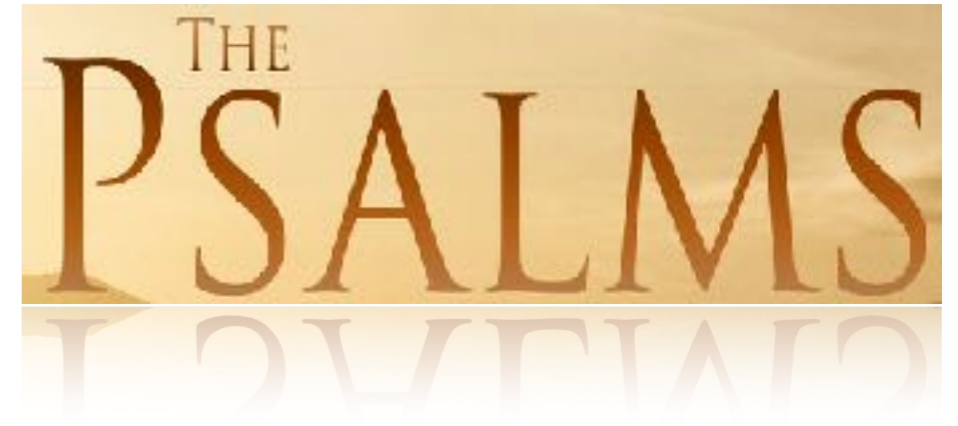
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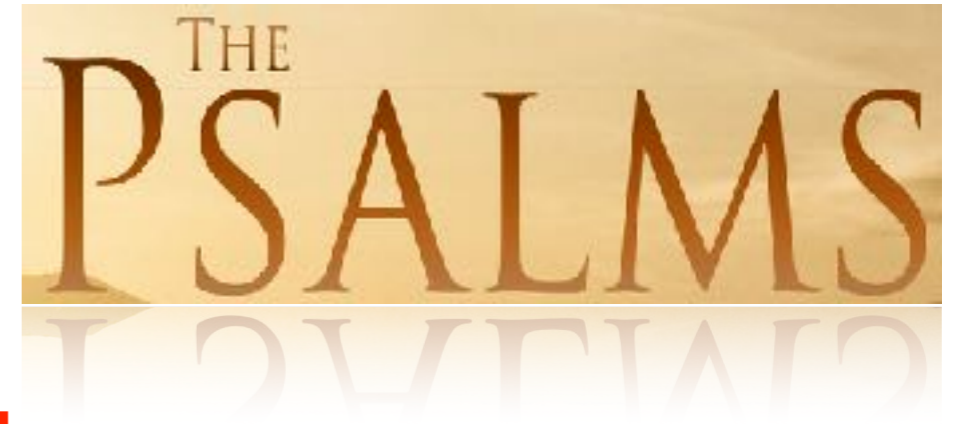


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# Psalm 18:1-6

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**Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.**

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# 1 Samuel 21:12-15



<sup>12</sup> And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. <sup>13</sup> **So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.** <sup>14</sup> Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? <sup>15</sup> Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? **Shall this fellow come into my house?**”

# #4.

## Psalm:

## Comfort

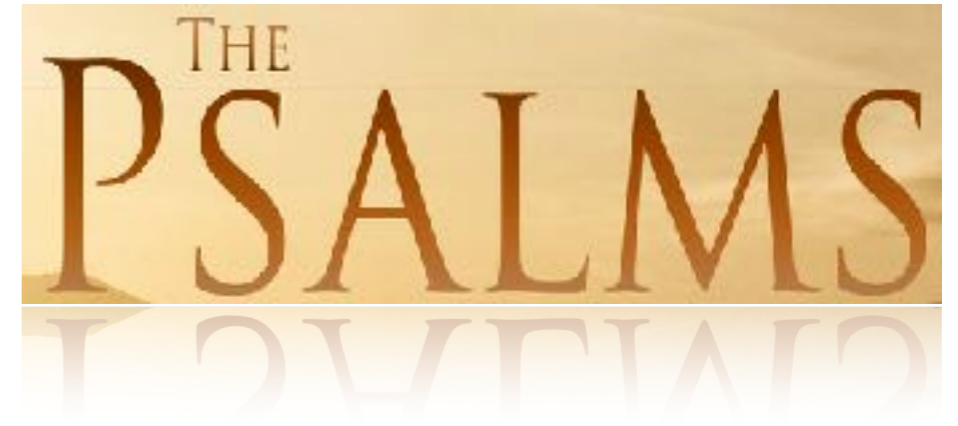
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## Depression



# Psalm 77

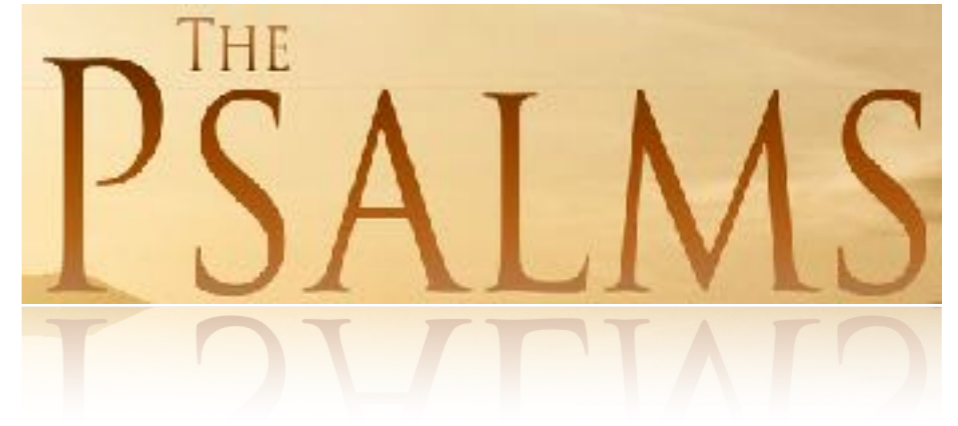
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- <sup>1</sup> I cry aloud to God,  
aloud to God, and he will hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> In the day of my trouble I seek the  
Lord; in the night my hand is stretched  
out without wearying; **my soul refuses  
to be comforted.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I remember God, I moan; when I  
meditate, my spirit faints. Selah

# Psalm 77

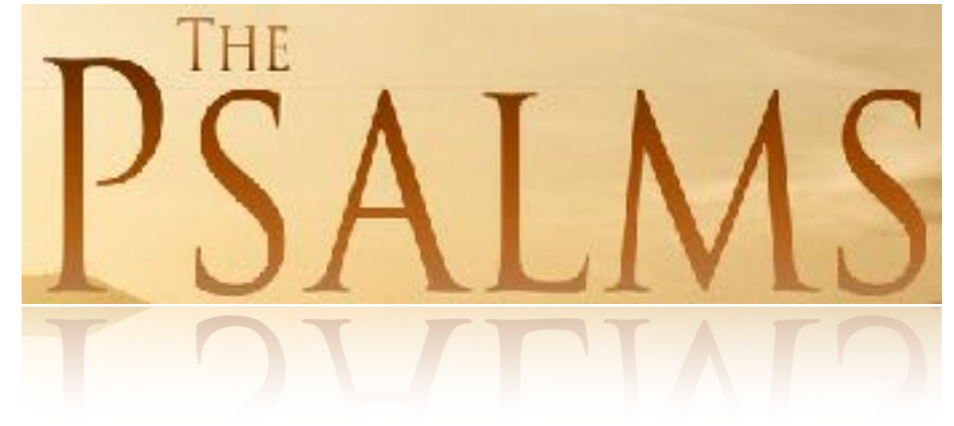
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- 4 I You hold my eyelids open;  
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I consider the days of old,  
the years long ago.
- 6 I said, “Let me remember my song in the night;  
let me meditate in my heart.”  
Then my spirit made a diligent search:
- 7 “Will the Lord spurn forever,  
and never again be favorable?
- 8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased?**  
**Are his promises at an end for all time?**
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?**  
Has he in anger shut up his compassion?” Selah

# Psalm 77

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10 Then I said, “I will appeal to this,  
to the years of the right hand of the Most High.”

11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

12 I will ponder all your work,  
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

13 Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

14 You are the God who works wonders; you  
have made known your might among the peoples.

15 You with your arm redeemed your people,  
the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah



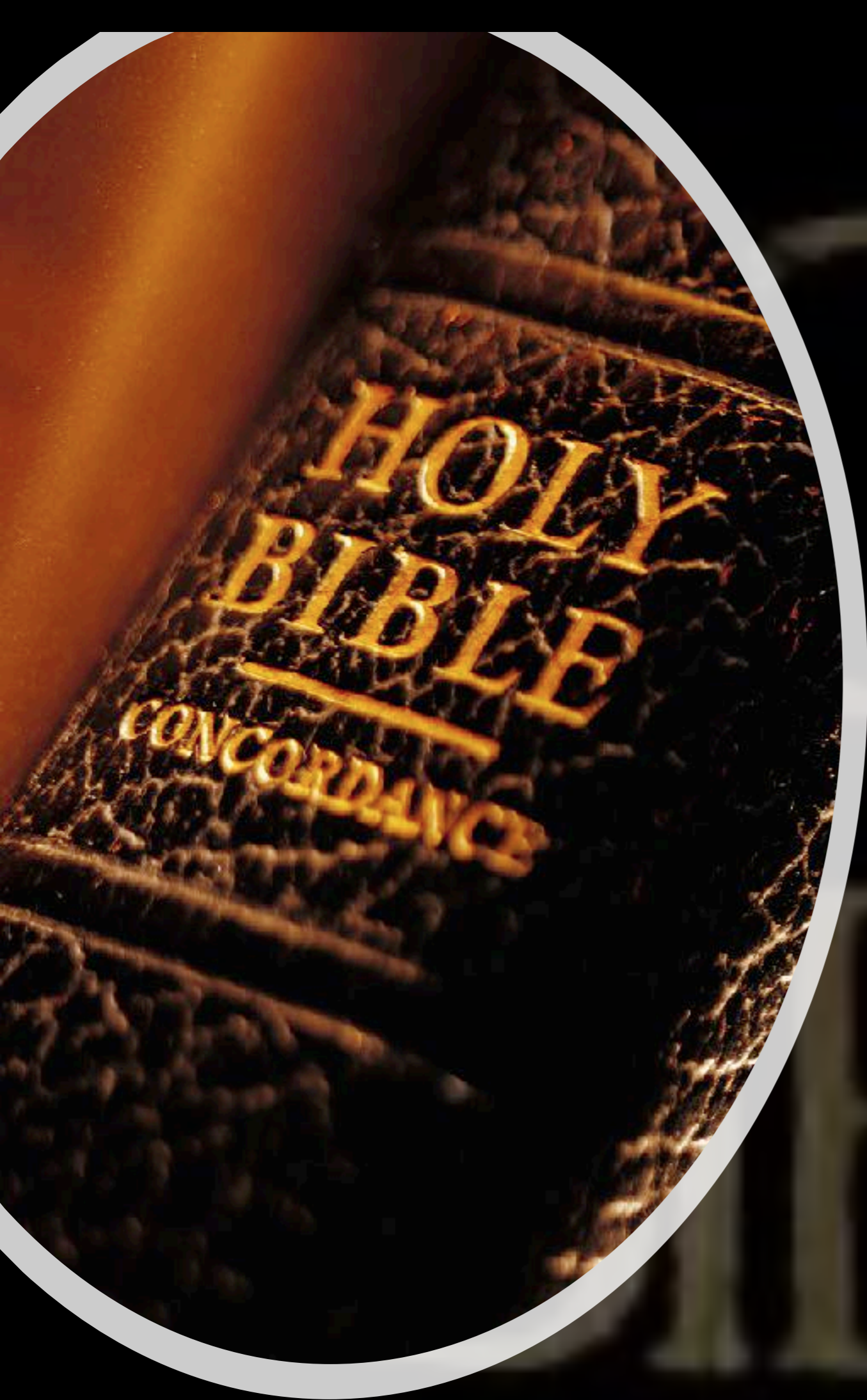
# Psalm 77

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19 Your way was through the sea, **your path through the great waters**; yet your footprints were unseen.

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



***Response  
to the  
Word of God***

# Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

Recite <sup>the</sup> Apostle's Creed <sup>to</sup> Proclaim Your Faith