

Out of the Depths

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 77:16-20.
- B. The psalmist finds comfort in reflecting upon the deeds of God in history.
- C. Things that mark out God's action.
 - 1. Supernatural character.
 - 2. Special purpose.

II. What the psalmist saw.

- A. God is sovereign over human events.
 - 1. Things that make men afraid are afraid of God.
 - 2. All power is under God's control.
- B. Inability to understand how God is working is not a sign that God is not working. God's intention is to lead us through troubles.
- C. God is forever the shepherd of His people.
 - 1. God supplies to us what we so desperately lack in ourselves.
 - 2. God gives us purpose.
 - 3. God gives us love—protection, supply, and care.
- D. Our faith can rest on firm facts because of what our God has done.

Application questions:

1. How does God's sovereignty give a person a sense of security?

2. How is the portrayal of God as a shepherd different from other religions?

3. What has God done in history that gives you a sense of assurance? What has God done in your life that is a reminder of His character and goodness?
