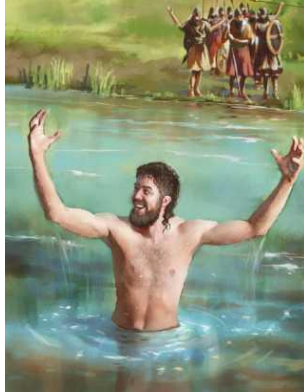


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**Psalm 77:11-12**

*"I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders(miracles) of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds."*

**MEDITATION**

*"How holy and how reverend is the name of God! How awful the deep mysteries of the Divine nature! That name, that nature, constitute the study of life. Even amidst the darkness of heathenism, some strove to grope their way to God, and the multitude of their idols, while it shows the failure, proclaims also the earnestness of their search. [Robert Richardson, *Communings in the Sanctuary*, 43-44]*

**SCRIPTURE**

"So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant'" (2 Kings 5:14-15)

**PRAYER**

"God of love, there is no God in all the earth but you! I praise your Name, remember your deeds, and meditate on your works."

Digging Deeper: Finding out, discussion and sharing

1. Read Psalm 77:11-12 and discuss the following:
  - a. According to verses [1-6](#) what seems to be the setting for this psalm being composed?
  - b. According to verses [7-9](#) what questions did the Psalmist have regarding God?
  - c. What "deeds" and "mighty deeds" would this writer probably be thinking about with regard to God?

- d. What “miracles” of long ago would he most likely be remembering?
  - e. What divine “works” could he meditate on?
2. In these two short verses (Psalm 77:11-12) four words are used to describe what the Psalmist does with respect to God: call to mind, remember, meditate, and muse. Share what you believe each of the four activities might include now in our walk with God.
  3. Also in our Psalm passage three things are used to describe the activity of God: mighty deeds, wonders/miracles, and work. What do you believe each of these categories might include for us today?
  4. Robert Richardson was the biographer of Alexander Campbell. In many respects he was the opposite personality and had a different focus spiritually. You need to read his work called *Communings in the Sanctuary*. These are a collection of his communion talks published in 1872. In our MEDITATION copied above, he starts out by affirming how holy and reverend God’s name is.
    - a. What does the word “holy” mean, especially when applied to God?
    - b. Look up the word “Reverend.” What does it mean when applied to God?
    - c. This English word “reverend” is used only once in the King James Version of the Bible in [Psalm 111:9](#). Does this verse help us in understanding its usage?
  5. What are some mysteries of the divine nature that inspire awe, reverence, fear and adoration in us?
  6. What images or pictures of God do we have in our mind that inadequate to account for God’s divine nature?
  7. “Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great:  
 He (God) appeared in a body,  
     Was vindicated by the Spirit,  
 Was seen by angels,  
     Was preached among the nations,  
 Was believed on in the world,  
     Was taken up in glory”(1 Timothy 3:16).

This quote from Paul’s pen to Timothy demonstrates aspects of God’s divine nature and the mystery of his manifestation. Explain 1 Timothy 3:16 and share why it is so central to our Christian confession of faith.

8. Read [Romans 1:20](#). What does “natural” revelation demonstrate about God’s nature?
9. Read the Old Testament narrative of Naaman being healed of leprosy in [2 Kings 5:1-19](#).
  - a. Why did Naaman first go away angry?
  - b. What did his servant say to get him to change his mind?
  - c. What happened to convict Naaman to make the confession that there is only one God, and that God is the God of Israel?
  - d. On a more personal basis, what has happened in our life to convince us to say, “Now I know that there is indeed one God of heaven and earth!”?
10. What is the most important thing you can say right now about your experience and knowledge of God because you have lived the Christian life?
11. What is the most extraordinary thing you have seen God do?