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²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I THESSALONIANS 5:23

The Seven Facets of the Immaterial Part of Mankind

1. The Spirit

2. The Soul

²³...May God keep you SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY

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3. The Heart

4. The Sin or Sin Nature or Old Man or Flesh

5. The Mind

6. The Will

7. The Conscience

Psalm 77

A Psalm of Asaph

Overview and Opening Thoughts

Verses 1-3

V.1 I cried out [I shouted] to God with my voice
[again he says without the shouting]—To God
with my voice;

Verse 1 cont. ... And He gave ear to me.

Verse 2 In the [very] day of my trouble I sought
the Lord [Adon, my Master];

Verse 2 cont. ... My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing;
[But] My soul REFUSED to be comforted [or to regret its reactions].

Verse 3 [But] I [versus his hurt soul]
remembered God,

Verse 3 cont. .. and [or but it did not help, I] was [still] troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Selah

Verse 4 You hold my eyelids open [I cannot sleep]; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

Verses 5-6 I have considered the days of old, [how old?] The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my [favorite] song [played on a string instrument] in the night;

Verse 6 cont... I [now can] meditate within my heart, And my spirit [is free and it] makes diligent search [of my memories of ancient times].

Verses 7-9

1. 7 Will the Lord cast off forever?
2. And will He be favorable [gracious] no more?
3. 8 Has His mercy ceased forever?
4. Has His promise failed forevermore?
5. 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
6. Has He in anger shut up His tender [compassionate] mercies?

Selah

Verse 10 A New Approach is Stated

And I said, “This is my anguish [my defilement, my pollution]; But I will remember the years [the change, the altering] of the right hand of the Most High.”

Verses 11-13 11 I will REMEMBER the works of the LORD; Surely I will REMEMBER Your wonders of old [ancient times]. 12 I will also MEDITATE on all Your work, And TALK of Your deeds. 13 Your way, O God, is [it starts in the] in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God?

Verse 14-15 14 You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples. 15 You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph [which I, Asaph, am].

Selah

Verses 16-18 16 The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled. 17 The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about. 18 The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

Verses 19-20 Moving from the General he moves to a specific example

19 Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known. 20 You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Motyer: the believer's first reaction to adverse circumstances is not to ask God to change them, but to make use of the revelation God has given to us which in this case is verses 10–20, and to live within the path or way that He has revealed.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia:that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. 9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us, 11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.