The Greatness of God Ray Stedman

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 77:14-15.
- B. The Psalmist finds his way from the conclusion of despair to triumphantly declaring the greatness of God by meditating upon God's greatness.
- II. The deeds of God show we are dealing with a God who is real.
 - A. Many are still skeptical.
 - B. The characteristics that finally convinced the Psalmist that God was at work.
 - 1. The events of God revealed tremendous power at work.
 - a. This had to be supernatural power at work.
 - b. People still simply dismiss the miracles of the Bible as impossible.
 - c. The Bible itself becomes the strongest evidence that this occurred.
 - d. The only way God could reach doubting man is to do things that man could not do.
 - e. Even hostile witnesses admitted that the miracles occurred. (Acts 4)
 - d. There are things made without human hands.
 - 2. The events of God show redemption.
 - a. This means to reinvest something with value.
 - b. The miracles had a redemptive purpose.
 - c. God's work in the world is for our sake—Jesus died and was raised for believers.
 - d. God redeems that we might be set free.
 - e. God's redemption requires a response of faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

Application questions:

1. How does the Psalm provide a model for dealing with people who are doubters?
2. How would you respond to someone who claims that the miracles are nothing but a hoax's
3. In what way does God's redemptive works give you courage or hope in your own life circumstances? Explain.