

THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 78

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PSALM 78 = GOD'S _____ LESSON

- *Maschil of Asaph* = "Instruction of Asaph"
- This Psalm is one of the Historical Psalms (Psalms 78, 105, 106, 114, 135, and 136). We are not just to learn _____ the past, but _____ the past as well.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

1. THE _____

- Notice all the miracles of God on behalf of His people that are mentioned:
 - V. 12 = The miracles in Egypt
 - V. 13 = The crossing of the Red Sea
 - V. 14 = Pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night to guide them
 - Vs. 15-16 = The rock strikings that produced water for the people
 - Vs. 23-29 = God fed them and watered them in the wilderness
 - Vs. 43-54 = The plagues in Egypt to the crossing of the Red Sea and the Egyptians drowning
 - V. 55 = This verse covers the Book of _____ = Victory in Canaan
 - Vs. 56-66 = This covers the Book of _____
- "God's goodness to His people is the background on which is shown up their sin." – Scroggie
- THINK: What miracles has God performed on your behalf?

2. THE _____

- The first mistake was that they _____ THE MIRACLES. (vs. 7, 11, 42)
- Because they forgot the miracles, they had no _____ IN THE MASTER. (vs. 19, 22, 32)
 - Matt. 13:58, "And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."
 - Heb. 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."
- They refused to _____ THE MANDATES. (vs. 8, 10, 17, 40, 56, 58)
 - Provoking* = "Defying; rebelling; to be openly defiant of an authority, implying hostility"
 - This wasn't ignorant sin. This was willful, hostile disobedience!
- The questioned the _____ OF THE MASTER. (vs. 18-20, 41, 56)
 - Vs. 18, 41, 56 = *Tempted* = What does it mean to tempt God?
 - Deu. 6:16; Exo. 17:7; Num. 14:22
 - Through _____, demanding that God do something to prove Himself to us.
 - Matthew 4:7-10** = We don't need to try to _____ God to keep His Word. His promises are true and He is faithful to keep His Word!

3. THE _____

- The children of Israel always seemed to go through this cycle of actions and consequences:
 - Reviving** = There were wonderful times of revival and corporate worship!
 - Rebelling** (vs. 8, 10, 17, 40, 56, 58)
 - Reaping** (vs. 21, 31-35, 59-64)
 - Repenting** (vs. 34-35)
 - _____ (vs. 41, 57) = *Turned back* means "to do again; to return."
- How many times has God watched His people go through this cycle?
- Through all of this, we see a common theme – the _____ of God.
- Vs. 38-39 = He forgave and showed mercy instead of the punishment that was deserved.
- Vs. 51-53 = The plagues passed over God's people. He kept them safe from enemies.
- Vs. 65-72 = God guided His people and gave them a leader in David that would love them too.

g. "God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God." -- Spurgeon

4. THE _____ (vs. 1-8)

a. The point of this Psalm is to find instruction for the present from the past. Then, pass it on!

b. **Deu. 6:4-7** = It was a command of God to pass some things on to the next generation.

c. What are we to pass on? (v. 4)

i. His _____ = How to worship God.

ii. His _____ = Jer. 32:27, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?"

iii. His _____ = This is referring to His miracles!

d. **Heb. 3:7-19** = The message was being preached in the New Testament! It is still being passed on?

APPLICATIONS

1. _____ from the lessons of the past.

2. _____ the lessons of the past to those in the present.

Are you on the same cycle the children of Israel were? God wants you to live in victory!

Are you remembering His miracles and living by faith?

Are you learning from the mistakes of the past, yours and others?

Are you passing along those lessons?