

Psalm 78

A maskil of Asaph

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10 told to us, — what we have known and heard. — And to our chil dren we'll re veal the

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A teaching to be taught
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Might put their hope in God
And not forget the works of God,
But keep his holy way,
And not be like their forefathers
Whose hearts had gone astray.

3. See Ephraimites, armed with the bow,
On battle day withdraw.
They did not keep God's covenant
And walk within his law.
For they forgot the works he did,
The wonders he had shown
In Egypt, in their father's sight,
Upon the fields of Zoan.

4. He split the sea and let them pass,
The waters piled high.
By day he led them with a cloud,
All through the night with fire.
He opened rocks in desert land
And out came gushing streams.
When water like a river flowed
They drank as from the deep.

5. Yet still they sinned and tested God,
Rebelling in their hearts.
Demanding all the food they craved,
They spoke against the LORD.
□ He gave us drink, but can the LORD
For us a table spread?
Can God within this desert place
Fill us with meat and bread? □

6. Therefore the LORD was full of wrath
Against his Israel,
For they did not believe in him
And trust his saving power.
Yet still he told the skies above
To open up their doors,
And manna fell for them to eat.
The grain of heaven poured.

7. Man ate the bread of angels and
Had food abundantly.
And God brought meat within their midst
Like sand beside the sea.
As birds fell thick upon their camp;
They ate the meat they craved,
But while the food was in their mouths,
Their strongest passed away.

8. And only when the LORD brought death
Would Israel seek his face.
And even then their loyalty
Was quick to fade away.
Their speech was smooth; their hearts were hard,
Rebelling yet again.
But God in his compassion did
Atone for all their sin.

9. For God remembered they were flesh
Like wind that's here, then gone.
But they did not remember all
the wonders of the LORD:
How he redeemed them with his power
And saved them from the foe,
Performing marvels, wondrous signs
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10. He turned the rivers into blood,
So Egypt could not drink.
He sent among them swarms of flies,
Devouring everything,
Sent frogs and locust, hail and frost,
And fiery thunderbolts.
He sent his mighty angels there,
A great destroying host.

11. In Egypt all their firstborn died
The firstfruits of their strength.
And then God led his people out,
A shepherd with his sheep.
For safely through the sea they passed
And through the wilderness
Unto his holy mountain and
Their great inheritance.

12. Yet in the land they tested God;
Again their hearts rebelled.
So God left Shiloh, left the place
Where God with man had dwelt.
He left them to their enemies.
Their priests fell by the sword.
Their maidens had no wedding song,
Their men by fire devoured.

13. Then God arose as from a sleep;
His enemies did run.
And God chose Judah from the tribes,
Mount Zion, which he loves,
And God took David from the fields
To lead his people well.
With skillful hand and upright heart,
To shepherd Israel.

14. O God of mercy, though we stray,
What wondrous grace you bring!
From David's line you've given us
The perfect shepherd king,
Who laid his life down for the sheep,
For all who hear his voice,
The promised Savior of the world,
Our shepherd Jesus Christ.

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