

Psalm 78

Remembering the Works of the Lord

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What happens when we forget all that God has done in our lives, and what is our responsibility to remember?

I. THE DANGER OF FORGETTING (00:00:00 - 00:04:28)

Key Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4

"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he has done."

The Reality:

1. We are often forgetful creatures in our daily lives.
2. Forgetting God's blessings and works is dangerous and leads to spiritual failure.
3. Remembering is not just about history; it is a vital warning against drifting away.

II. OUR RESPONSIBILITY: REMEMBER AND TEACH (00:04:28 - 00:08:06)

Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:20-21

"When your son asks you in time to come, saying, what mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord our God hath commanded you? Then you shall say unto your son, we were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand."

Responsibility:

1. It is our duty to teach the next generation about the goodness of the Lord.
2. We must share our personal testimonies of deliverance from past bondage and oppression.
3. This teaching must happen in every moment: when we sit, when we walk, when we lie down, and when we rise up.

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF FORGETTING (00:08:06 - 00:29:51)

The Pattern:

1. The children of Israel experienced miracles and deliverance, yet they continued to test God and turn back toward Egypt.
2. Forgetting leads to complaining, grumbling, and making excuses.
3. Even though God is compassionate and patient, constant disobedience has consequences.
4. When a generation stops telling of God's works, the next generation may arise without knowing the Lord.

IV. A PATHWAY TO RESTORATION (00:29:51 - 00:37:41)

Key Scripture: Joshua and Caleb's example

The Solution:

1. We have a choice at every fork in the road: complain like the first generation or trust like Joshua and Caleb.
2. God is faithful to restore us when we return to Him, regardless of past failures.
3. We have authority through the name of Jesus to overcome the temptation to turn back.
4. "I've come too far to turn back now."

KEY TAKEAWAY:

"Remembering the works of the Lord" means:

1. Actively sharing our testimonies with the next generation.
2. Choosing trust and obedience over grumbling and fear.
3. Staying grounded in Scripture to maintain our faith.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. What specific works of God are you forgetting to tell others about?
2. How does remembering God's past faithfulness help you face current giants?
3. What does it look like for you to teach the next generation about God's goodness today?
4. Are you walking toward the Promised Land or looking back at "Egypt"?

Scripture References for Further Study: Psalm 78 | Deuteronomy 6:20-21 | Judges 2:10-11 | Joshua 14:6-14 | John 6:66-68