

## Want to know GOD's perspective on history?

*Psalm 78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!  
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will utter dark sayings from of old,  
3 things that we have heard and known,  
that our fathers have told us.  
4 We will not hide them from their children,  
but tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,  
and the wonders that he has done.  
5 He established a testimony in Jacob  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers  
to teach to their children,  
6 that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn,  
and arise and tell them to their children,  
7 so that they should set their hope in God  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments;  
8 and that they should not be like their fathers,  
a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,  
whose spirit was not faithful to God.*

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Today will be a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ based on your response.

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- 1 – We need to pay attention to \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture (Ps. 78:1-4)
- 2 – The repetition of hearing reminds you to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 78:5-7)
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  - #2 –
  - #3 –
- 3 – The GEN who fails to tell the stories or fails to learn will \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of past generations & suffer consequences (Ps. 78:8; e.g., 78:9-71)

## Application in Community:

Some people wonder → **what's the point of church?** One major reason why God established the gathering of believers was that we would hear the stories of God. This story telling happens in multiple ways: we gather for worship and a part of worship is the reading of Scripture with an explanation of guidance based on that Scripture. This is called a sermon. Another way this happens is in Sunday school classes or children's church or youth group or adult classes and small group Bible studies.

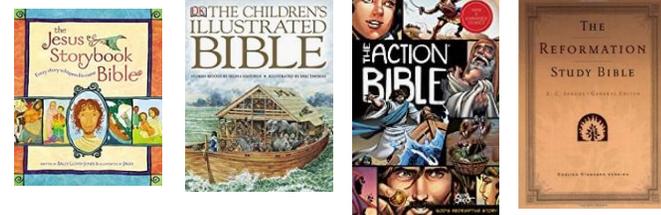
What's the point?

We need to hear the repeated stories of what God has done throughout history from His perspective. This brings glory to God because His great works are extolled. And this serves moral teaching, guidance, or a warning. This leads to worship, repentance, and a changed lifestyle.

You've heard the adage, "Those who fail to learn from history are condemned to repeat it." (Winston Churchill). We tell and repeat the story at church so that we will live for the glory of God and avoid repeated sin.

Children love to hear stories from their mom or dad, especially the spicy stories if you know what I mean. They help children to get to know their parents and pass on any lessons that can be learned.

This is why, parents, it is so important to know the Scriptures and teach the stories of the Bible to our children. If you struggle to do this in an effective or age-appropriate way, ask Pastor Ryan or Katy. A few great resources are:



**One question today:** Are you passing on the stories? (Read Ps. 78)

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