



Treasury of the Psalms

Psalm 78:1-11

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Psalm 78, written by Asaph, is a historical psalm that recounts Israel's journey with God from the days of Egypt through the time of David, covering the history recorded from Exodus 7 to 2 Samuel 10. Asaph uses this long record to remind Israel of God's mighty works, their repeated failures, and the Lord's mercy in spite of their unfaithfulness. The psalm is both a warning and a teaching tool, urging God's people to pass down His truth to future generations so they might not repeat the sins of their fathers.

1. The _____ for Disciple Makers. (vs. 1-4)

- a.** Asaph is telling his people (Israel) to incline to his words. (vs. 1)

He is going to speak to them in a parable by going through their history.

- b.** These are dark sayings that are going to be hard for them to grasp. (vs. 2)

God's word is the light we must use to bring the truth to light. Ps. 119:105, 130

- c.** Their fathers made these things known unto them. (vs. 3) 2 Tim. 2:2; Joel 1:3; Deut. 4:9

- d.** There are 3 things they must be faithful to teach their children. (vs 4)

i. The praises of the Lord. Ps. 9:11; 96:3; 40:10; Isa. 12:4; Heb. 13:5; 1 Pet. 2:9

ii. His strength. 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Ps. 52:1-7

iii. His wonderful works He has done. Ps. 107:8, 15, 21, 31.

2. The _____ of Disciple Makers. (vs. 5-8)

- a.** God has commanded us to make disciples. Mt. 28:19-20; John 20:21

There are 4 generations listed in these verses. There is a need to teach those which should be born. John 3.

- b.** There are four objectives listed that we must instill into our disciples.

i. To set their hope in God. Ps. 146:5; Jer. 17:7

ii. To not forget the works of God. Ps. 105:5

- We can never forget the great things God has done for us.
- Has God done and is He doing great things in our lives?

iii. To keep his commandments. Deut. 30:9-10; Pro. 3:1-2

- Forgetting His testimonies leads to setting up graven images in our lives.

2 Kings 17:15-17; Ex. 20:24

iv. So they might not be as their fathers. Jer. 7:24; Heb. 3:10, 8:9

3. The _____ for Disciple Makers. (vs. 9-11)

a. Here we see the results of bad fathers or disciplers.

i. They were armed and had bows. Psalm 127:3-4

- They looked ready & strong but failed when they were tested. Hosea 7:15-16

ii. But they ultimately walked back in the day of battle.

- Maybe for fear, or lack of faith.

b. They refused to walk with the Lord.

i. There are two responses when we have a disciple that walks away.

- We can blame them.
- We can ask ourselves what we could've done better and do it better next time.