



Psalms 78

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A PARABLE FROM ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Introduction:

I. THE COMMAND TO TEACH (vs. 1-8)

A. Pass on Holy History (vs. 1-4)

"listen...incline your ears"

"parable...dark sayings of old"

"not conceal them from their children" (Joshua 4:6, 21)

"tell to the generation to come" (Psalm 48:12-14)

B. Pass on Holy Scripture (vs. 5-8)

"testimony...law...commandments"

"commanded...that they should teach them to their children" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9)

"put their confidence in God"

"not be like their fathers" ("stubborn and rebellious")

"did not prepare its heart...spirit was not faithful" (Ezra 7:10)

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT TEACHING (vs. 9-72)

A. Israel's Insurrection (vs. 9-11) - They revolted against Him.

How God Responded (vs. 12-16) - He rescued them anyway.

B. Israel's Ingratitude (vs. 17-22) - They defied, disbelieved, and denied Him.

How God Responded (vs. 23-31) - He delivered but also disciplined them severely.

C. Israel's Insincerity (vs. 32-37) - They rejected Him.

How God Responded (vs. 38-39) - He punished them but remained faithful to them.

D. Israel's Insubordination (vs. 40-42) - They rebelled against Him.

How God Responded (vs. 43-55) - He redeemed them.

E. Israel's Infidelity (vs. 56-58) - They rebelled against Him yet again.

How God Responded (vs. 59-72) - He disciplined them and then showered blessings upon them.

Conclusion:

- 1) God's people must hand down the history and understanding of God's works and words so subsequent generations will remain faithful to Him.
- 2) God's people must be reminded of how often their ancestors have rebelled and suffered the just punishment for their sin.
- 3) God's people must be humbled by the grace and compassion of God so that they might renew their faith and commitment to Him.
- 4) God's people must acknowledge how God has raised up faithful leaders to direct them back to His covenant.