

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

PSALM 78

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Psalm seventy-eight is an instructive Psalm and one of the longer Psalms with seventy-two verses. This Psalm fits into the category of a "Wisdom Psalm" and reviews the history of the journey from Egypt of God's people Israel, their rebellion and His patience and longsuffering with their attitudes and actions. The review does not seek to hide the bad and the ugly from the generations to come. A nation must not try to cover shameful parts of its history of it is destined to repeat the offences. Any generation must learn from the mistakes of the past as well as the great successes. This is true of families as well.

It has been said, that at any time in history, Christianity is only one generation away from extinction. While we know that the Lord Jesus will build His church and the powers of hell cannot stamp it out, it is also true that a particular family, church, community, or nation might lose its way and be devastated by not passing the truths that made that entity great.

"For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet

to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments..." (Psalm 78:5-7)

The psalm catalogs the deliverance from Egyptian bondage to the crossing of the people into the Promised Land. It tells of the worship center at Shiloh and the victories and defeats of His stubborn people along the way.

Finally, King David and his dynasty is mentioned, and he is singled out as the shepherd of his people, leading them in the way of the God of their ancestry. ***"He also chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; from the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So, he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them with his skillful hands."*** (vv.70-72)

Prayer and Action Steps

The responsibility of passing the faith on to the next generation and educating our children rests upon the parents and the parents alone. God, please help us pass on the faith!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
