

**Psalm 78 (Part 1. Vss 1-33) May 8, 2024**

**A Contemplation of Asaph.**

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, *to my law*; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, <sup>3</sup>Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide *them* from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7;--'And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up' (NKJV).

<sup>5</sup>For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; <sup>6</sup>That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, <sup>7</sup>That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; <sup>8</sup>And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Hebrews 3:7-11;--'Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest' (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup>The children of Ephraim, *being armed and carrying bows*, Turned back in the day of battle. <sup>10</sup>They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, <sup>11</sup>And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

Hosea 6:4;--'O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away' (NKJV).

<sup>12</sup>Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan. <sup>13</sup>He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap.<sup>14</sup>In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire.<sup>15</sup>He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave *them* drink in abundance like the depths.<sup>16</sup>He also brought streams out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers.

1 Corinthians 4:4;--'and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ' (NKJV).

<sup>17</sup>But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.<sup>18</sup>And they tested God in their heart By asking for the food of their fancy. <sup>19</sup>Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? <sup>20</sup>Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?"

John 6:32-33;--'Then Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world' (NKJV).

<sup>21</sup>Therefore the Lord heard *this* and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel, <sup>22</sup>Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation.<sup>23</sup>Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven, <sup>24</sup>Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven. <sup>25</sup>Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

Exodus 16:2-3;--'Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. And the children of Israel said to them, 'Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger' (NKJV).

<sup>26</sup> He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; And by His power He brought in the south wind.<sup>27</sup> He also rained meat on them like the dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas; <sup>28</sup> And He let *them* fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings. <sup>29</sup> So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire. <sup>30</sup> They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food *was* still in their mouths, <sup>31</sup> The wrath of God came against them, And slew the stoutest of them, And struck down the choice *men* of Israel.

Romans 1:18-19;--'For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them' (NKJV).

John 3:36;--'Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him' (ESV).

<sup>32</sup> In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works. <sup>33</sup> Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear.

Revelation 9:20-21;—'The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols ... nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality...' (ESV).