

Psalm 78

Equipping Heirs of Faith

Precious covenant children ...

I. The Need to Know

A. Tell Them

1. What We Were Told
2. What We Affirm
3. What they Must Pass On

B. The Truth

1. His Deeds
2. His Doctrine
3. His Faithfulness

II. The Need to Learn

A. Our History our People

1. The Good, the Bad
2. The Faithful

B. The Fullness of the Gospel

III. The Need to Heed and Hope

A. Warning

B. Encouragement

... trust in God.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why is it important for us to study the Bible?
2. Why is it important to see how God's people acted in the past?
3. Even when God's people were not faithful to Him, was He still faithful to them?
4. Since they lived before Jesus, do you think we have an even better message to pass on than Moses and David did?
5. Will you thank the Lord today that you have the blessing of having God's Word and people to teach it to you?

To Repeat and Not Repeat

How many times have you heard it repeated that *repetition, repetition, repetition is the best teacher*. And who can forget the phrase: *Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it*. These two concepts come together in this great psalm of remembrance. While those adages may have legitimate application in an earthly sense, they have a super-legitimate application in a spiritual sense. The chronicles of redemption and the teaching of recorded in God's Word are to be repeated over and over again to God's people not only in the course of a lifetime but down through the course of history - as it indeed has been. If we expect to see our children and our children's children become *generations of those who love God* we must make sure we do our part to promote that. Consistently teaching them the whole counsel of God in Scripture is vital and tracing the course of the history of His people from the beginning even down to this day is essential to providing a strong foundation for our covenantal posterity. May we be faithful in our generation as we seek to do our part in boldly affirming to our offspring that which God has given us, was kindly passed on to us from those who have gone before us – and will surely guide and strengthen those who follow after us.