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# Psalm 78

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**Faith?**

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# **1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV)**

**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.**

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# 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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# 1 Corinthians 15:16-17 (ESV)

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

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1. God is faithful to his promises
2. Be on guard: there's a pattern to history

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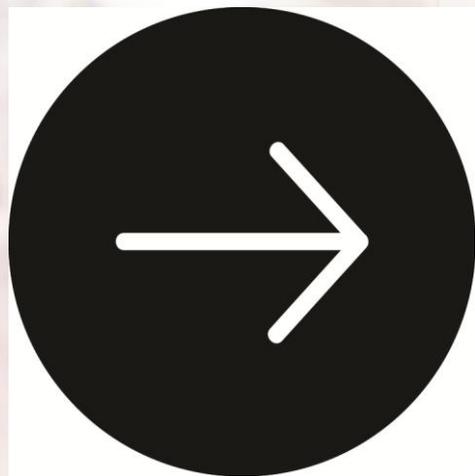


**God is faithful to his promises.**

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## **Psalm 78:9-20 (ESV)**

**The Ephraimites armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. <sup>10</sup> They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. <sup>11</sup> They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them. <sup>12</sup> In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders in**

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## **Psalm 78:9-20 (ESV)**

**the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. <sup>13</sup> He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. <sup>14</sup> In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a fiery light. <sup>15</sup> He split rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as**

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## **Psalm 78:9-20 (ESV)**

**from the deep. <sup>16</sup> He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers. <sup>17</sup> Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. <sup>18</sup> They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved. <sup>19</sup> They spoke against**

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## **Psalm 78:9-20 (ESV)**

**God, saying, “Can God spread a table in the wilderness? <sup>20</sup> He struck the rock so that water gushed out and streams overflowed. Can he also give bread or provide meat for his people?”**

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**11 They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them.**

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**17 Yet they sinned still more against him,  
rebellling against the Most High in the desert.**

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**22 because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power.**

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**32 In spite of all this, they still sinned; despite his wonders, they did not believe.**

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**37 Their heart was not steadfast toward him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant.**

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# Flashback 2 – Wilderness through King David

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**40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert! 41 They tested God again and again and provoked the Holy One of Israel. 42 They did not remember his power or the day when he redeemed them from the foe, 43 when he performed his signs in Egypt and his marvels in the fields of Zoan.**

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**2 Tim 2:13 (ESV)**

**if we are faithless, he remains faithful**

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# Remember

1. Who is God?
2. What has Christ done for us?
3. Who are we?
4. What should we do?

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**“God is a sovereign and will do what he pleases...He only is fit to govern this world. He rejects Ephraim and chooses Judah; he rejects Shiloh and chooses Jerusalem; he rejects Saul and chooses David. Ephraim, Shiloh and Saul have no right to complain because no injustice is done;**

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**Judah, Jerusalem and David have no right to  
boast because mercy is shown.”**

**–William Plumer**

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# Psalm 78:1-8 (ESV)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
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 from of old, <sup>3</sup> things that we have  
heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children, but  
tell to the coming generation the glorious

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deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. <sup>5</sup> He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, <sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet

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unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, <sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; <sup>8</sup> and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

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