



PSALM 78

God's Faithfulness

>> 4 – 10 June 2007 – WEEK 5

Again its all about Jesus. The history of the nation of Israel consisted of some pretty predictable patters: God has compassion on Israel and pours out his love on them – Israel rebels against God and provokes his anger – God punishes the people for their rebellion – God has compassion on Israel and pours out his love on them The pattern is only broken when God is his greatest act of mercy install saving King the new David to save and lead the people. Praise God for Jesus.

[trek] introduction

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:

t - train you to live God's way

r - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus

e - encourage you to tell others about Jesus

k - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

Reflections or questions I have...

■ [trek day 1] Overview Psalm 78 Read Psalm 78

- > What are your initial impressions of this Psalm?
- > What do you think it's about?
- > What might it teach us about Jesus?

Pray this week that you would understand God's word.

■ [trek day 2] All the Lord has done Psalm 78 Read Psalm 78:1-8

- > What does God want people of his people? v5-8
- > How has God ensured that the people will know how they ought to relate to him? v5-6

Thank God that he wants to relate to people and has revealed himself so that we might know him.

■ [trek day 3] The rebellion of the people Psalm 78 Read Psalm 78:9-58

- > Despite God's acting to ensure the people know who to relate to him, how does Israel respond to God?
- > Write down all the words and verses that describe what the people did. Eg refused to walk in God's ways v 10, forgot his works v11, rebelled against God v17.

Ask God to forgive you for the times that you have rebelled against him. Ask him to help you live under his rule and authority.

■ [trek day 4] God's justice and mercy Psalm 78 Read Psalm 78:12-66

- > Despite the way the people have treated God, how does he respond to them?
- > What does this show us about God's character and his plans for his people?

Thank God for his mercy and compassion and for planning to bring people back into relationship with him despite their rebellion against him.

■ [trek day 5] God's ultimate act of faithfulness Psalm 78 Read Psalm 78:67-72

- > What does God plan to do to bring about the salvation of his people? V70-72
- > How does Jesus fulfill the promises here for what the savior will do? 2 Corinthians 5:21

Thank God that Jesus is the promised savior who took upon himself the punishment that we deserve for our rebellion against God that we might be restored to relationship with God.

[trek] instructions

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2) Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

NOTE: Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.