

**Reflection Questions:** What is my hope truly in? In what ways do I minimize God's faithfulness toward me? How do I continually remember God's faithfulness and point the next generation to Him? How am I acting like the Israelites of old? What will I do about it? What events from my life are evidence of God's abundant grace, in spite of my own sinfulness?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*If Israel's record is her shame, God's persistent goodness emerges as her hope (and ours) for the unfinished story.*

Derek Kidner

*Let not those that receive mercy from God be thereby emboldened to sin, for the mercies they receive will aggravate their sin and hasten the punishment of it.*

Matthew Henry

*Those who seek the gifts rather than the giver are never satisfied. Those who focus on the miracle rather than on the miracle-worker never believe.*

Donald Williams

*The more of parental teaching the better; ministers and Sabbath-school teachers were never meant to be substitutes for mothers' tears and fathers' prayers.*

*Mouth-worship must be very detestable to God when dissociated from the heart: other kings love flattery, but the King of kings abhors it.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Failure to trust in the living God will always end up in idolatry, because you have to trust in something and if you don't trust in the living God, you'll trust in anything, and that's idolatry.*

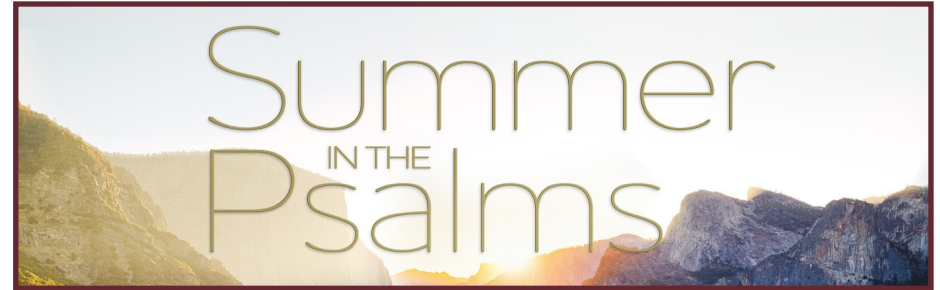
J. Ligon Duncan

*It is not our trust that keeps us,  
but the God in whom we trust who keeps us.*

Oswald Chambers

*One generation believes the gospel. The next generation assumes the gospel. The following generation denies the gospel.*

D. A. Carson



Psalm 78

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

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1. The Purpose (1-8)

2. The Past, Part 1 (9-39)

3. The Past, Part #2 (40-64)

4. The Promise (65-72)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What does *Psalm 78* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

3. What is the main theme or message of *Psalm 78*?

4. What are the things we should pass along to the next generations according to *Psalm 78:1-8*?

5. What were God's wondrous works for His people in *Psalm 78:9-39*?

What were the sins of the nation?

What was God's judgment on His people?

6. How did the anger of God lead people to repentance (*Psalm 78:31-35*)? Does God still act in the same way today? Why or why not?

7. What did God do for His people in *Psalm 78:52-55*?

8. How did God's people rebel against Him (*Psalm 78:56-58*)? How do we do this today?

9. How did God respond to the Jews rebellion (*Psalm 78:59-64*)? Does this sound excessive to you? Why or why not?

10. If the solution to Israel's faithlessness is to be found in the king and temple (*Psalm 78:68-72*), what happens when David fails and the temple is destroyed?

How does this psalm point to Jesus in more than just a general way?

11. What are the primary lessons and warnings that Psalm 78 gives us today?

12. The Israelites were guilty of constantly complaining and grumbling about what God had done (*Exodus 16:3; Numbers 11:4; 20:3; 21:5*, etc.) What do these verses teach about complaining and grumbling?  
*John 6:43* — *Philippians 2:14-15* —

*1 Corinthians 10:6-11* —

*James 5:7-11* —

14. How can we apply the principles outlined in Psalm 78 to ensure the transmission of faith and values to future generations in today's fast-paced and changing world?