

## Contemplations

Psalm 78

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Ps.78:1-4 *A contemplative song of Asaph.* Listen, my people, to my teaching. Turn your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable. I will utter perplexing sayings from of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the next generation the praises of Adonai and His strength and the wonders He has done. (Tree of Life Version, by the Messianic Jewish Family Bible Society)

Psalm 78 is written to bring to memory or review the awesome deeds of God so that He will be known, feared, worshiped and obeyed. We too have this to contemplate; He is still God, there is no other. We too have every reason to teach our children and our children's children. Why? Because He is still God and it is thru Him only that salvation can be found. (Ps.78:4-8)

The underlying reason for teaching our children about God is so that they will gain what the world has lost; hope. (7) God is the creator of all that exists, visible and invisible. (Fact # 1) God is the sustainer of all that exists. (fact # 2) (Neh.9:6; Rev.4:11)

The great tragedy of human life is to live and die in the absence of knowing God. Hopeless and Godless! (Eph.2:8-13) Paul's words are still true for we too were once lost but are now saved by God's grace. We too were without God and without hope.

The reason we have been saved is because someone told us about God. Introduced us to the truth that He is God and there is no other beside Him and that He is the source and sustainer of life. (Jn.1:3; Heb.1:3; Col.1:17) Paul was completely right in his assertion before the men of Athens when he insisted that it is in God that we live, move and have our being. (Acts.17:22-31)

The greatest testimony next to Holy Scripture itself is the conviction of our words and actions demonstrating we have believed in Him. Every event recorded in God's word is true, even if you can't explain it. Every powerful display of God's might, a valid demonstration of His mighty existence. When you speak about Him and all that He has done, speak with conviction knowing that it is true because it all is true.

(Fact # 3) Jesus died in yours and my place so that we can live. (Rom.5:6-10; Isa.53:5-6) Jesus, God's Son became a man so that He could take our place. (Jn.1:14; Heb.2:14-17) God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit confirms this to be true. They are worthy of our praises.

