

*JOIN US AS WE SIMPLY
READ!*

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Mark 14:61-62

The Gospel of Mark

You are invited to join us as we read through the book of Mark!

Topics of Interest:

- ❖ Jesus' public teaching
- ❖ From Jerusalem to Galilee
- ❖ His last week in Jerusalem
- ❖ The Resurrection of our Savior
- ❖ His glorious ascension
- ❖ Conclusion: Mark 15:39

Please come to the club house and spend a few minutes with us. We will read, have a few questions about the text and be reminded what the Roman centurion concluded "**...Surely this man was the Son of God!**" (Mk:15:39)

Place:

Deer Trail Club house
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Time:

Tuesdays @ 2:00 PM
10 weeks - Jan. 9 thru Mar. 12

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The Character of God

Psalm (Song) 78

Background of the Song

- Longest of all psalms except 119
- One of the psalms of Asaph (50, 73 – 83)
 - A prophet (Matt. 13:35) (cf. Heb.3:7; 4:7)
- One of four great national psalms (78, 105, 106, 136) “Give thanks to the Lord”
- Geographical background: From Zoan (Egypt) to Zion in Judah.

(vs.2 -Matt 13:35)

Jesus taught in Parables

(vs.3 - 1 John 1:1-4)

How to disclose God (Seen & Heard)

(vs.18 -1 Cor 10:9)

Testing God

(vs. 24 - John 6:31)

Manna – food from heaven

(vs. 37 - Acts 8:21)

Simon the sorcerer's heart

(vs. 44 - Rev 16:4)

River of blood

Quotation or allusion

Psalm 78 and New Testament

Read Psalm 78

Psalm
78:1 - 8

Listen up – people

Parable – comparison that illustrates principle

Parental responsibility – teaching song

Leads to praise – God is the hero

Purpose of the teaching – confidence in God (v. 7)

History that must not repeat itself (8)

Ephraim Abandons God – child of Joseph

Psalm
78:9 - 11

Defeat came from
disobedience,
rebellion and
forgetfulness

Psalm 78:12 - 39

Redemption 12 – 14

Provision 15 – 16

Judgment 17 – 33

- Rebell is used in 8, 17, 40, 56 (cf. Num. 11 – 14)

Mercy 34 – 39

Psalm 78:40 - 72

Redemption 40 – 53

Provision 54 – 55

Judgment 56 – 64 (Rebellion)

Mercy 65 – 72

Greatest expression of Mercy

- Son of David (2 Samuel 7)
- Son of God (Acts 2)

Intergenerational Disconnect (Between Parents and Children)

- Preamble (Psalm 78:1-8)
- Deut. 6:5 – 9 “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these **words** that I command you today shall be on your **heart**.
7 You shall **teach** them diligently to your children, and shall **talk** of them when you sit in your **house**, and when you walk by the way, and when you **lie down**, and when you **rise**.
8 You shall bind them as a sign on your **hand**, and they shall be as frontlets between your **eyes**.
9 You shall **write** them on the doorposts of **your house** and on your gates.”

Knowledge of God is still around

- “And Gideon said to him, “Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” (Judges 6:13)

Three Generations

- **First generation:** independent Bible students reach sound conclusions.
- **Second generation:** inherits and accepts the conclusion with terminology. But do not understand the reasoning behind them.
- **Third generation:** May use some of the terminology "cf. sound church" but do not grasp the reasons for or the applications of the conclusions.



Spiritual Disconnect (Between People and God)

- Psalm 78:38
- “Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.”
- Center of the Psalms -5,896 verses in the Psalms

A hand is shown in the lower-left corner, reaching upwards. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of hope and aspiration.

Spiritual Disconnect (Between People and God)

- “Deeds can never be greater than your thoughts. Thoughts can never be greater than your knowledge.”
- They forgot God. (7,11,42)

Tribal Disconnect Between Brothers in God's Family

78:9-10 "The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law."

78:67-68 "He rejected the tent of Joseph; he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim, 68 but he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loves."

How often have we, though supplied with every weapon, failed to wage successful war against our sins?

Tribal Disconnect

God rejected Shiloh (v. 60) and chose Mt. Zion in Jerusalem.

Ephraim chose Jeroboam and the worship of golden calves.

Ephraim flagrantly disregarded God's choice and chose their own king, their own worship and their own objects and places of worship.

Seriously Consider

- Intergenerational Disconnect
 - Between Parents and Children
- Spiritual Disconnect
 - Between People and their God
- Tribal Disconnect
 - Between Brothers in God's Family

Remember
– Don't
Forget

We must recite the righteous acts of God and warn of past mistakes.

We must identify the markings of those who are loyal to God.

Future generations will thrive or wither based upon what is taught and sung at home.

Please make Song 78 one of the songs you sing to your children.