
SERMON OUTLINE

Second Hand Lessons

Psalm 78

- I. Our Story and our Task: We must teach the next generation about God through our stories and example (78:1-8).
 - A. We must tell our children our spiritual stories of how God showed us His power (1-4).
 - B. We must teach and model godliness to our children so they can teach their children (5-6).
 - Am I committed to teaching my child God's word and principles in daily life (Deuteronomy 6:5-6)?
 - How will my life I impact the next 5 generations spiritually?
 - C. God can impact our children through us so they will trust and obey Him – unlike some ancestors (7-8).
- II. Israel's Story: Israel experienced God's power, God's discipline and God's grace (Psalm 78:9-72).
 - A. We must teach the stories of those who failed God after He had blessed them (Psalm 78:9-64).
 - **Ephraim's character** – They were cowardly, jealous, angry and thus excluded from leadership (9-11, 67; Judges 12, 15).
 - **Israel's attitude** – They saw God's power, but God judged them for complaining and demanding (12-33).
 - **Israel's pattern of insincere change** – They repented when suffering, but always went back to sin (34-37).
 - **Israel's forgetfulness and generational sin** – They forgot God's miracles and repeated their parents' sins (38-64).
 - B. We must teach our children about God's faithfulness and grace toward those who love Him (Psalm 78:65-72).