

FAMILY God's Heart MATTERS

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KEEPING GOD'S TESTIMONIES

PSALM 127:3-5

3 Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.

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DEUTERONOMY 6:17 NKJV

You shall diligently **keep** the **commandments** of the Lord your God, His **testimonies**, and His **statutes** which He has commanded you.

1 KINGS 2:3 NASB

Do your duty to the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to **keep** His **statutes**, His **commandments**, His **ordinances**, and His **testimonies**, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, so that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

1 CHRONICLES 29:19 NKJV

And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to **keep** Your **commandments** and Your **testimonies** and Your **statutes**, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision.”

PSALM 25:10 NKJV

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as **keep** His **covenant** and His **testimonies**.

JOSHUA 4:1-7

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, 2 "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 3 and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." 4 So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, 5 and said to them, "Go over before the

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ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to **take up a stone on his shoulder**, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 **to serve as a sign among you**. In the future, **when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?'** 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

**DAVID IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF
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PSALM 143:5

I remember the days of long ago; **I meditate on all your works** and **consider what your hands have done.**

PSALM 145:5

4 One generation **commends your works to another**; they **tell of your mighty acts**. 5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and **I will meditate on your wonderful works**. 6 They **tell of the power of your awesome works**— and **I will proclaim your great deeds.**

1 SAMUEL 17:33-37

33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. **When a lion or a bear came** and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

1 SAMUEL 17:33-37

36 **Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear;** this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, **chose five smooth stones** from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

A WARNING FROM PSALMS

PSALM 78:1-7

1 My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— 3 things we have heard and known, **things our ancestors have told us.** 4 We will **not hide them from their descendants;** we will **tell the next generation** the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

PSALM 78:1-7

5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which **he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,** 6 so the next generation even the children yet to be born, and **they in turn would tell their children.**

7 Then they would **put their trust in God** and would **not forget his deeds** but would **keep his commands.**

PUT THEIR TRUST IN GOD

PSALM 78:19-22

19 Yes, they **spoke against God**: They said, "**Can God** prepare a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. **Can He** give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" 21 Therefore the Lord heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel, 22 Because **they did not believe in God**, And **did not trust in His salvation**.

NOT FORGET HIS DEEDS

PSALM 78:1-7

How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert! 41 Yes, again and again **they tempted God**, And **limited the Holy One of Israel**. 42 They **did not remember His power**: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy, 43 When He worked His signs in Egypt, And His wonders in the field of Zoan;

KEEP HIS COMMANDS

PSALM 78:10-11

10 They did not keep the covenant of God; They **refused to walk in His law,** 11 And **forgot His works** And **His wonders** that He had shown them.

HOW?

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1. LIST THEM

2. LEARN FROM THEM

3. LAUD THEM

MATTHEW 16:5-9

5 When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. 6 "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." 7 They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." 8 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? 9 Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand,

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