



# Remember, Believe, Act

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## Psalm 78

A Maschil (an instructive Psalm) of Asaph.



# Psalm 78

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. 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 would know them, 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**.

# Remember

“Never be afraid to trust an  
unknown future to a known God.”

— Corrie ten Boom





# Remember

9 The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle; 10 they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law. 11 **They forgot what he had done,** the wonders he had shown them. 12 He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. 13 He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. 14 He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. 15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; 16 he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.



# Remember

40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the wasteland! 41 **Again and again they put God to the test;** they vexed the Holy One of Israel. 42 **They did not remember his power**— the day he redeemed them from the oppressor, 43 the day he displayed his signs in Egypt, his wonders in the region of Zoan. 44 He turned their river into blood; they could not drink from their streams. 45 He sent swarms of flies that devoured them, and frogs that devastated them.



# Remember

- What He has delivered you from (Deut. 5:15).
- The path He has led you (Deut. 8:2)
- The blessings and inheritance He has given you (Deut. 32:7-12).
- The victories He has won (Deut. 11:2-7).
- The promises He has given you (Josh. 23:14).

# Believe

“Faithless is he that says farewell  
when the road darkens.”

— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



# Believe

But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High.<sup>18</sup> **They willfully put God to the test** by demanding the food they craved.<sup>19</sup> They spoke against God; they said, “Can God really spread a table in the wilderness? <sup>20</sup> True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly, but can he also give us bread? Can he supply meat for his people?”<sup>21</sup> When the Lord heard them, he was furious; his fire broke out against Jacob, and his wrath rose against Israel, <sup>22</sup> **for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance.**

# Believe

<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> **where your ancestors tested and tried me**, though for forty years they saw what I did.<sup>10</sup> That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ <sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” <sup>12</sup> **See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.** <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:7-13





# Act

“Action speaks louder than words,  
but not nearly as often.”

— Mark Twain



# Act

54 And so he brought them to the border of his holy land, to the hill country his right hand had taken. 55 He drove out nations before them and allotted their lands to them as an inheritance; he settled the tribes of Israel in their homes. 56 **But they put God to the test** and rebelled against the Most High; **they did not keep his statutes.** 57 Like their ancestors they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. 58 They angered him with their high places, they aroused his jealousy with their idols.



# Act

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”  
31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts 4:29-31

# Consider

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- The victories He has won (Deut. 11:2-7).
- The promises He has given you (Josh. 23:14).
- What faith is stirred in you this morning?
  - Is there anything He is showing you to do?