

Tell the Coming Generation (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 78

A maskil of Asaph.

- 1 Listen, O my people, to my teaching.
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will offer a parable *with* my mouth.
I will pour out riddles from long ago, [[Matt 13:35](#)]
- 3 that we have heard and known,
and our ancestors have told us.
- 4 We will not hide *them* from their children,
telling the next generation the praises of Yahweh,
and his power and his wonders that he has done.
- 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children, [[Deut 4:9–10; 6:7, 20–25](#)]
- 6 so that *the* next generation might know—
children *yet to be born*—
that they might rise up and tell their children,
7 that they might set their confidence in God,
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments,
8 and not be like their ancestors,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation *that* did not make ready its heart,
whose spirit was not faithful *to* God.
- 9 The sons of Ephraim, armed with archers,
turned back on *the* day of battle.
- 10 They did not keep the covenant of God
and refused to go in his law.
- 11 They also forgot his deeds,
and his wonders that he had shown them.
- 12 In front of their ancestors he did a wonder,
in the land of Egypt, *in* the region of Zoan.
- 13 He split the sea and caused them to go over,
and he caused waters to stand like a heap.
- 14 And he led them with the cloud by day,
and all night with a fiery light.
- 15 He caused rocks to split in the wilderness
and provided drink abundantly as *from the* depths.
- 16 And he brought streams out of *the* rock
and caused water to flow down like rivers.
- 17 But they sinned still further against him
by rebelling *against the* Most High in the desert.
- 18 And they tested God in their heart
by asking food for their craving.
- 19 And they spoke against God.
They said, “Is God able
to prepare a table in the wilderness?
- 20 Yes, he struck *the* rock and water flowed
and streams gushed out,
but can he also give food
or provide meat for his people?”
- 21 Therefore Yahweh heard
and he was very angry,
and a fire was kindled against Jacob,
and *his* anger also rose up against Israel,
- 22 because they did not believe God,

and they did not trust his salvation.
23 Nevertheless, he commanded *the* skies above
and opened *the* doors of heaven,
24 and rained down on them manna to eat
and gave them the grain of heaven.
25 Humankind ate *the* bread of angels.
He sent them food *enough* to be satisfied.
26 He caused *the* east wind to blow in the heavens
and drove along *the* south wind by his strength.
27 Then he rained meat on them like dust,
even winged birds like *the* sand of *the* seas.
28 He caused *them* to fall in the midst of his camp,
all around his dwellings.
29 So they ate and were well filled,
and he brought about *what* they craved.
30 They had not yet turned aside from their craving,
while their food *was* still in their mouth,
31 the anger of God rose against them,
and he killed some of the stoutest of them,
even the young men of Israel he caused to bow down *in death*.
32 In spite of all this they sinned further
and did not believe his wonders.
33 And he consumed their days with futility
their years with terror.
34 When he killed *some of* them, then they sought him,
and repented and earnestly sought God.
35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock,
and God Most High their redeemer.
36 But they enticed him with their mouth
and lied to him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not steadfast with him,
nor were they faithful to his covenant.
38 But he *was* compassionate; he pardoned *their* guilt
and did not destroy *them*.
And many *times* he turned back his anger
and did not stir up all his wrath,
39 for he remembered that they *were* flesh,
a passing wind that does not return.
40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness
and vexed him in *the* wasteland!
41 So they again tested God
and distressed the Holy One of Israel.
42 And they did not remember his power
when he redeemed them from the enemy,
43 how he performed his signs in Egypt
and his wonders in the region of Zoan,
44 when he turned their rivers to blood
so they could not drink *from* their streams.
45 He sent among them flies that devoured them
and frogs that destroyed them.
46 And he gave their crop to the locusts
and their labor to the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail
and their sycamore trees with sleet.
48 He also handed their cattle over to the hail
and their livestock to the lightning bolts.
49 He sent against them his fierce anger,
rage and indignation and trouble,

a band of destroying angels.
50 He cleared a path for his anger.
He did not spare them from death
but handed their life over to the plague.
51 And he struck down all *the* firstborn in Egypt,
the first of *their* virility in the tents of Ham.
52 Then he led out his people like sheep
and guided them like a herd in the wilderness.
53 And he led them safely and they were not afraid,
but the sea covered their enemies.
54 So he brought them to his holy territory,
this mountain his right hand acquired.
55 And he drove out nations before them
and allocated them for an inheritance by *boundary* line,
and settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.
56 But they tested and rebelled against God Most High
and did not keep his statutes.
57 And they turned and were treacherous like their ancestors.
They twisted like a crooked bow.
58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
and made him jealous with their images.
59 God heard and he was very angry
and rejected Israel utterly.
60 So he abandoned the dwelling place at Shiloh,
the tent he had placed among humankind.
61 And he gave his strength into captivity
and his splendor into *the* hand of *the* enemy.
62 He also handed his people over to the sword,
and he was very angry with his inheritance.
63 Fire devoured his young men,
and his young women were not praised.
64 His priests fell by the sword,
and his widows did not weep.
65 Then the Lord awoke like *one who had been* asleep,
awoke like a warrior who had been drunk with wine.
66 And he beat back his enemies;
he gave them over to perpetual scorn.
67 And he rejected the tent of Joseph,
and did not chose the tribe of Ephraim,
68 but chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount Zion that he loved.
69 And he built his sanctuary like *the* heights,
like *the* earth that he established forever.
70 And he chose David his servant
and took him from *the* sheepfolds.
71 He brought him from following nursing ewes
to shepherd Jacob, his people,
and Israel, his inheritance.
72 And he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart,
and led them by the skillfulness of his hands.

Oh, That My People Would Listen to Me (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 81

For the music director; on the Gittith.

Of Asaph.

1 Shout out to God our strength;
shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

- 2 Lift up a song and strike *the* tambourine,
the pleasant lyre, together with *the* harp.
- 3 Blow *the* horn at new moon,
at full moon, for our feast day,
- 4 because it *is* a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He made it a statute in Joseph
when he went out against the land of Egypt,
where I heard a language I did not know.
- 6 “I removed his shoulder from a burden.
His hands were freed from *the* basket.
- 7 In this trouble you called, and I rescued you.
Within *the* secret place of thunder I answered you;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you;
O Israel, if you would *but* listen to me.
- 9 There shall be no strange god among you,
and you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- 10 I *am* Yahweh your God,
who brought you up from the land of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
- 11 But my people did not listen to my voice,
and Israel did not yield to me.
- 12 So I let them go in the stubbornness of their heart;
they walked in their counsels.
- 13 Oh that my people would listen to me;
that Israel would walk in my ways.
- 14 I would subdue their enemies quickly,
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 Those who hate Yahweh would cringe before him,
and their fate would be forever.
- 16 But he would feed him from *the* choicest wheat,
and I would satisfy you with honey from a rock.”

Rescue the Weak and Needy (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 82

A psalm of Asaph.

- 1 God stands in the divine assembly;
he administers judgment in the midst of *the* gods.
- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly
and show favoritism to the wicked? *Selah*
- 3 Judge *on behalf of the* helpless and *the* orphan;
provide justice *to the* afflicted and *the* poor.
- 4 Rescue *the* helpless and *the* needy;
deliver *them* from the hand of *the* wicked.”
- 5 They do not know or consider.
They go about in the darkness,
so that all the foundations of *the* earth are shaken.
- 6 I have said, “You *are* gods, [[John 10:34](#)]
and sons of the Most High, all of you.
- 7 However, you will die like men,
and you will fall like one of the princes.”
- 8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
because you shall inherit all the nations.

O God, Do Not Keep Silent (c. David/Solomon)

Psalm 83

A song. A psalm of Asaph.

- 1 O God, do not rest *silently*.
Do not keep silent or be still, O God.
- 2 For look, your enemies roar,
and those who hate you have lifted *their* head.
- 3 They devise cunning schemes against your people,
and consult together against your protected ones.
- 4 They say, “Come, let us annihilate them from *being* a nation,
so that the name of Israel will be remembered no more.”
- 5 For they have consulted together with a unified purpose.
They have made a covenant against you:
- 6 the tents of Edom and *the* Ishmaelites,
Moab and *the* Hagrites,
- 7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
Philistia, with the inhabitants of Tyre.
- 8 Assyria also has joined with them.
They provide help to the children of Lot. *Selah*
- 9 Do to them as *you did with* Midian,
as *with* Sisera, as *with* Jabin at the wadi of Kishon.
- 10 They were destroyed at En-dor;
they became dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their leaders like Oreb and Zeeb,
and all their chiefs like Zebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 who said, “Let us take *as* our possession
the pastures of God.”
- 13 O my God, make them like the tumbleweed,
like the chaff before wind.
- 14 As fire burns a forest,
and as a flame sets afire mountains,
- 15 so pursue them with your tempest
and terrify them with your storm.
- 16 Fill their faces with shame,
that they may seek your name, O Yahweh.
- 17 Let them be ashamed and terrified forever,
and let them be humiliated and perish
- 18 that they may know that you,
whose name is Yahweh, you alone,
are the Most High over the whole earth.

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