

Psalm 78: 1-4, 9-20, 32b-38a

¹ Give ear, O my people, *to* my teaching:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

² **I will open my mouth in a parable;**

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us.

⁴ **We will not hide *them* from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, the might,
and wonders God has wrought.**

⁹ The Ephraimites, armed with the bow,
Turned back on the day of battle.

¹⁰ **They did not keep God's covenant,
but refused to walk according to God's law,**

¹¹ They forgot the deeds of the Lord,
the miracles that God had shown them.

¹² **The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears
in the land of Egypt, *in* the fields of Zoan.**

¹³ the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it;
and made the waters stand like a heap,

¹⁴ **led them with a cloud in the daytime,
and all the night with a fiery light,**

¹⁵ cleft rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,

¹⁶ **made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

¹⁷ Yet they sinned still more against God,
rebellious against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸ They tested God in their heart
by demanding the food they craved.

¹⁹ They spoke against God, saying,
“Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

²⁰ **Indeed! God struck the rock so that water
gushed out, and streams overflowed!**

**Can God also give bread,
or provide meat for the people?”**

^{32b} They did not believe in his wonders,
³³ so God made their days like a breath,
turned their years into terror.

**³⁴ Whenever God slew them, they would inquire after God,
repent and seek God earnestly.**

³⁵ They remembered that God was their rock,
the Most High God their redeemer,

**³⁶ whom they flattered with their mouths,
to whom they lied with their tongues.**

³⁷ Their heart was not steadfast toward God;
they were not true to God's covenant.

**^{38a} Yet God, being compassionate,
forgave their iniquity,
and did not destroy them.**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink."

So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

³ And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Philippians 2: 1-13

¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.