Psalm 78 • The Legacy of Signs

1. (v.1-4) The Psalmist begins by first reinforcing the greater importance of **God’s Word**.
2. (v.5-8) It is not just about knowing **God’s Word**, but putting it into **practice**.
3. (v.9-16) The first generation out of Egypt proved they were not **transformed** by the great signs they experienced by the fact they did not allow themselves to be **transformed** by God’s Word.
4. (v.17-20) When people who are **untransformed** by the Word see signs and miracles, they simply want **more** signs and miracles.
5. (v.21-33) Neither a sign of God’s **blessing** nor a sign of God’s **judgment** has any impact on **hearts** which refuse to **yield** to Him.
6. (v.34-39) God always provides the greatest **opportunity** possible to be **reconciled** to Him through His grace.
7. (v.40-53) When Jesus came the first time, most of His own people treated Him exactly as the generations out of Egypt did, refusing to **listen** to the **meaning** of the signs and miracles He performed, and instead **asking** for **MORE** signs and wonders.
8. (v.54-64) The same sign or miracle works **oppositely** depending on the condition of one’s heart. For those **faithful** to God, it works to strengthen and reinforce their faith and trust in God producing **life**; for the **unfaithful** it works judgment for their destruction to produce **death**.
9. (v.65-72) The right lesson to learn from Israel’s example is to live according to God’s **terms** and **conditions**, not **our own**.