

Psalm 78 – Verses 1-4 and 12-16

- 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 ancestors have told us.
- ⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.
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- ¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
- ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.
- ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.
- ¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
- ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Acts 2:44-46

- ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common;
- ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.
- ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,

Matthew 20:1-16

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.

²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place;

⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"

⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,

¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?"

¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

