

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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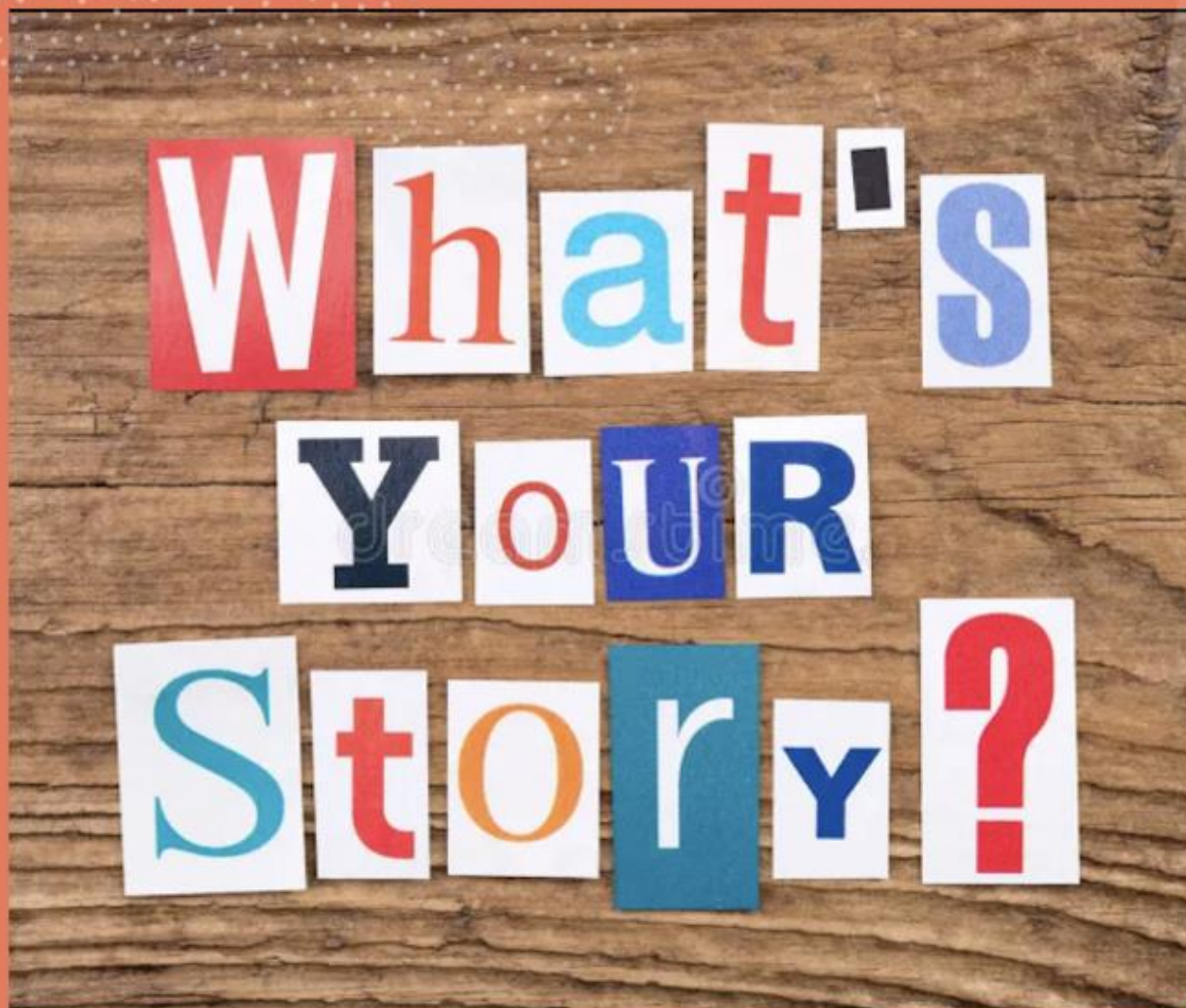
Sunday Service (10am)
@ Elixir Brew Co. (Buford)

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*Summer
House
Church*

**Thanks for
participating!**

















Preparing our Hearts for Worship

What is the Good News?

“Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.”

- Romans 4:4-5

Psalms, Proverbs & Parables



Psalm 78



Psalm 78:1-8

Purpose

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

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. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. They would not be like their ancestors— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

The Cycle

KINDNESS > Rebellion > GRACE >
Rejection > CRUSHING > Desperation >
Return

Psalm 78:9-11

Stubborn Israel

The men of Ephraim (Israel), though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle; they did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law. They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

Psalm 78:12-16 God's Kindness

He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall. He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night. He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas; he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

Psalm 78:17-20 Israel Hardened

But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High. They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved. They spoke against God; they said, *“Can God really spread a table in the wilderness? 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?”*

Psalm 78:21-22

God's Fury

When the Lord heard them, **he was furious**; his fire broke out against Jacob, and **his wrath rose against Israel**, for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance.

Psalm 78:24-28

God's Grace

Yet he gave a command to the skies above and
opened the doors of the heavens; 24 he rained down
manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain
of heaven. Human beings ate the bread of angels;
he sent them all the food they could eat. He let loose
the east wind from the heavens and by his power
made the south wind blow.

He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like sand on the seashore. He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.

Psalm 78:29

Israel Gorged

They ate till they were gorged— he had given them
what they craved.

Psalm 78:30-31

God's Anger

But before they turned from what they craved,
even while the food was still in their mouths,
God's anger rose against them; he put to death
the sturdiest among them, cutting down the
young men of Israel.

Psalm 78:32

Israel Rebelled

In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe.

Psalm 78:33

God's Justice

So he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.

Psalm 78:34-37 Israel's Manipulation

Whenever God slew them, they would seek him; they eagerly turned to him again. They remembered that God was their Rock, that God Most High was their Redeemer. But then they would flatter him with their mouths, lying to him with their tongues; their hearts were not loyal to him, they were not faithful to his covenant.

Psalm 78:38-39

God's Mercy

Yet he was merciful; he forgave (atoned for) their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time he restrained his anger and did not stir up his full wrath. He remembered that they were but flesh, a passing breeze that does not return.

Psalm 78:40-42, 52-53

The Cycle

How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the wasteland! Again and again they put God to the test; **they vexed the Holy One of Israel**. They did not remember his power—the day he redeemed them from the oppressor...

But he brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the wilderness. He guided them safely, so they were unafraid.

Psalm 78:56-58 Rebellion (again)

But they put God to the test and rebelled against the Most High; they did not keep his statutes.

Like their ancestors they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. They angered him with their high places; they aroused his jealousy with their idols.

Psalm 78:69-72 Sanctuary & Shepherd

He built his sanctuary like the heights, like the earth that he established forever. He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

God's Heart

“He (God) is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”

– Luke 6:35-36

Your Heart

Spend time with God, talking to (prayer)
and hearing from (reading God's Word).

Transforming Truth

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– Bear Grylls



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Good News

*“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the
righteous for the unrighteous,
to bring you to God.”*

– 1 Peter 3:18

Response

The most important question is...

“How will you respond?”

Final Thoughts

Our story is characterized by
“running away” and *“rebellion.”*

God’s story is characterized by
“running to” and *“rescue.”*

The Blessing

2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG

*“The amazing grace of the Master,
Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God,
the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit,
be with all of you.”*