
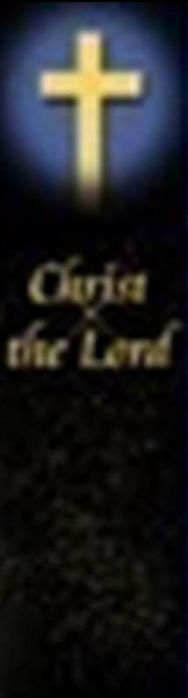


- *Psa.78:1 (NLT) O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying,*
- *2 for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—*
- *3 stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.*
- *4 We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.*



- 5 *For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children,*
- 6 *so the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born - and they in turn will teach their own children.*
- 7 *So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.*
- 8 *Then they will not be like their ancestors - stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.*



- 9 *The warriors of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned their backs and fled on the day of battle.*
- 10 *They did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his instructions.*

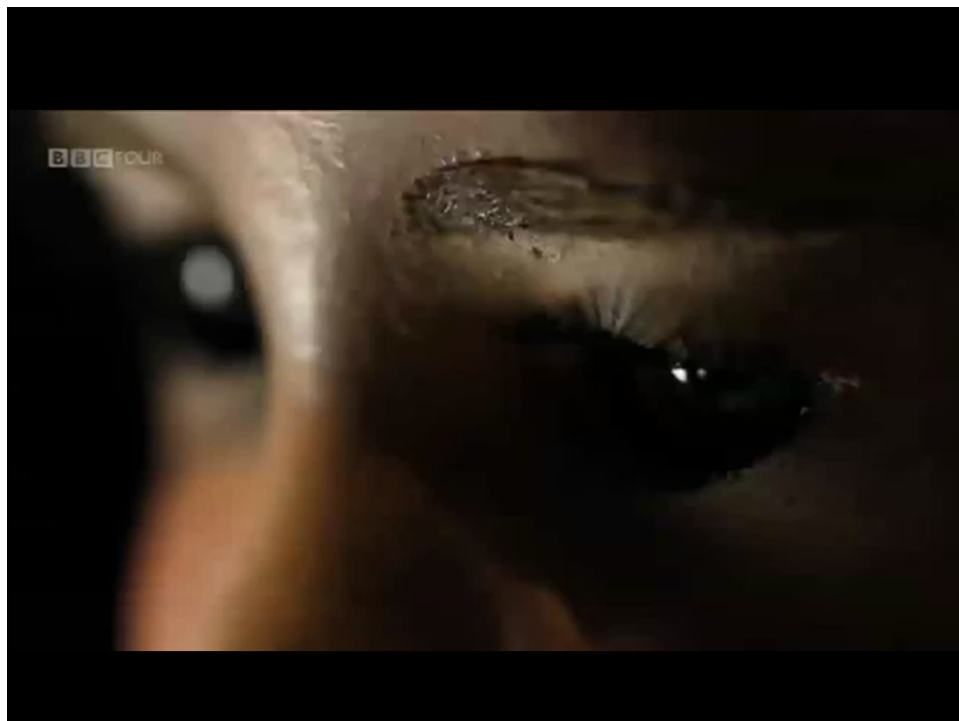
Remember

- *Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. NIV*
- *Dr.D Howard "The only thing people learn from history is that people learn nothing from history"*

I. Do We Need To Learn?

- In reality, people do learn much from history
 - Science
 - Medicine
 - Engineering
 - Technology
 - Geography
 - Astronomy
 - Education
- Music?
 - Morals?
 - Language?
 - Habits?
 - Defence?
 - Transport? (Na.2:4)

Are we so clever that we know everything
we need to know?



- **PROGRESS**
- A boy said to his friends, "I've just had the most awful time!"
- "First I got angina pectoris...
- then arteriosclerosis...
- Just as I was recovering I got psoriasis..
- they gave me hypordermics, & to top it all, tonsillitis was followed by appendectomy."
- "Wow, how did you pull through?"
- "I don't know. It was the toughest spelling test I've ever had!"



- a) Learn To Listen
- *Psa.78:1-3 O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past - stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.*
- The one thing we do NOT seem to learn from the past is... from our MISTAKES!
- E.g.. Europe 1914 National territorial greed...
- Germany thought Britain would remain neutral..
- 1939 Hitler again thought Britain & France would not intervene – attacked Austria, Czechoslovakia & Poland...
- History could teach us so much...

- If the Palestinians would read the Bible they would realise Israel is there to stay!
- Not because the Jews are so tough...
- Because God is so powerful...!
- b) Teach
- *4-6 We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born - and they in turn will teach their own children.*

- What's the point of having grey hairs if we don't learn that wisdom comes from God?
- And His Word describes the way He thinks...
- He commands the older to teach the younger!
- That is why we have a Christian School...
- Life Application Daily Devotional:
- "Important – to keep our children from repeating the mistakes of their ancestors!"
- "What are you doing to pass on the history of God's work to the next generation?"



II. The Only Constant is Change

- If history teaches us anything at all, it is that we need to keep on changing!
- *7-10 So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors - stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God. The warriors of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned their backs and fled on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his instructions.*

- The (proud) warriors of Ephraim, armed with bows, turned their backs & fled on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant & refused to live by his instructions.
- Ephraim was the most prominent tribe from time of Moses to Saul.
- The Tabernacle was set up in Ephraim...
- When David became king Judah gained prominence
- A man of faith - man after God's own heart!
- Prov.16:18 *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

- If we remain in Him – connected to the vine, He will show us what changes to make...
- Even Churches shouldn't become complacent
- Andy Stanley – “Defying Gravity” (Acts 15)
- 1. “Churches gravitate towards insiders & away from outsiders.”
- 2. “Churches gravitate towards law & away from grace.”
- 3. “Churches gravitate towards complexity & away from simplicity.”
- 4. “Churches gravitate towards preserving & away from advancing.”

- Acts 15 Business meeting to decide if gentiles needed to be circumcised in order to join the Church!
- Peter addressed them & said “No way!”
 - “God sent me to the gentiles & even baptised them with the Holy Spirit!”
- Finally the Lord's brother, James, the leader of the Jerusalem Assembly...
- Act.15:19 *“It is my judgement, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.” (NLT)*