

Psalm 078

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The Israelites are to teach the Lord's law to their children--Disobedient Israel provoked the Lord in the wilderness--The Egyptian plagues are recounted--The Lord chooses and blesses Judah and David.

Maschil of Asaph.

- D C G D
 1. Give ear, O my people, to my law
 D C G A
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth
 D C G D
 2. I will open my mouth in a parable
 D C G A
 I will utter dark sayings of old
 G D A D
 3. Which we have heard and known
 G D A D
 And our fathers have told us
 --- D C G D
 4. We will not hide them from their children
 D C G A
 Shewing to the generation to come
 D C G D
 The praises of the Lord, and his strength
 D C G A
 And his wonderful works that he hath done
 G D A D
 5. For he established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel
 G D A D
 Which he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children
 --- D C G D
 6. That the generation to come might know them
 D C G A
 Even the children which should be born
 D C G D
 Who should arise and declare them to their children
 D C G A
 7. That they might set their hope in God
 G D A D
 And not forget the works of God
 G D A D
 But keep his commandments

- D C G D
 8. And might not be as their fathers
 D C G A
 A stubborn and rebellious generation
 D C G D
 A generation that set not their heart aright
 D C G A
 And whose spirit was not steadfast with God
 G D A D
9. The children of Ephraim, being armed
 G D A D
 And carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle
- D C G D
 10. They kept not the covenant of God
 D C G A
 And refused to walk in his law
 D C G D
11. And forgot his works
 D C G A
 And his wonders that he had shewed them
 G D A D
12. Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers
 G D A D
 In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan
- D C G D
 13. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through
 D C G A
 And he made the waters to stand as an heap
 D C G D
14. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud
 D C G A
 And all the night with a light of fire
 G D A D
15. He clave the rocks in the wilderness
 G D A D
 And gave them drink as out of the great depths
- D C G D
 16. He brought streams also out of the rock
 D C G A
 And caused waters to run down like rivers
 D C G D
17. And they sinned yet more against him
 D C G A
 By provoking the most High in the wilderness
 G D A D
18. And they tempted God in their heart
 G D A D
 By asking meat for their lust

- D C G D
 19. Yea, they spake against God
 D C G A
 They said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
 D C G D
20. Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out and the streams overflowed
 D C G A
 Can he give bread also? Can he provide flesh for his people?
 G D A D
21. Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth
 G D A D
 So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel
- D C G D
 22. Because they believed not in God
 D C G A
 And trusted not in his salvation
 D C G D
23. Though he had commanded the clouds from above
 D C G A
 And opened the doors of heaven
 G D A D
24. And had rained down manna upon them to eat
 G D A D
 And had given them of the corn of heaven
- D C G D
 25. Man did eat angels' food
 D C G A
 He sent them meat to the full
 D C G D
26. He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven
 D C G A
 And by his power he brought in the south wind
 G D A D
27. He rained flesh also upon them as dust
 G D A D
 And feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea
- D C G D
 28. And he let it fall in the midst of their camp
 D C G A
 Round about their habitations
 D C G D
29. So they did eat, and were well filled
 D C G A
 For he gave them their own desire
 G D A D
30. They were not estranged from their lust
 G D A D
 But while their meat was yet in their mouths

- D C G D
 31. The wrath of God came upon them
 D C G A
 And slew the fattest of them
 D C G D
 And smote down
 D C G A
 The chosen men of Israel
 G D A D
32. For all this they sinned still
 G D A D
 And believed not for his wondrous works
- D C G D
 33. Therefore their days did he consume in vanity
 D C G A
 And their years in trouble
 D C G D
34. When he slew them, then they sought him
 D C G A
 And they returned and inquired early after God
 G D A D
35. And they remembered that God was their rock
 G D A D
 And the high God their redeemer
- D C G D
 36. Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth
 D C G A
 And they lied unto him with their tongues
 D C G D
37. For their heart was not right with him
 D C G A
 Neither were they steadfast in his covenant
 G D A D
38. But he, being full of compassion forgave their iniquity
 G D A D
 And destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away
- D C G D
 And did not stir up all his wrath
 D C G A
39. For he remembered that they were but flesh
 D C G D
 A wind that passeth away
 D C G A
 And cometh not again
 G D A D
40. How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness
 G D A D
 And grieve him in the desert!

- D C G D
 41. Yea, they turned back and tempted God
 D C G A
 And limited the Holy One of Israel
 D C G D
42. They remembered not his hand
 D C G A
 Nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy
 G D A D
43. How he had wrought his signs in Egypt
 G D A D
 And his wonders in the field of Zoan
 --- D C G D
44. And had turned their rivers into blood
 D C G A
 And their floods, that they could not drink
 D C G D
45. He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them
 D C G A
 And frogs, which destroyed them
 G D A D
46. He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar
 G D A D
 And their labour unto the locust
 --- D C G D
47. He destroyed their vines with hail
 D C G A
 And their sycomore trees with frost
 D C G D
48. He gave up their cattle also to the hail
 D C G A
 And their flocks to hot thunderbolts
 G D A D
49. He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and
 G D A D
 Indignation, and trouble by sending evil angels among them
 --- D C G D
50. He made a way to his anger
 D C G A
 He spared not their soul from death
 D C G D
 But gave their life
 D C G A
 Over to the pestilence
 G D A D
51. And smote all the firstborn in Egypt
 G D A D
 The chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham

- D C G D
 52. But made his own people to go forth like sheep
 D C G A
 And guided them in the wilderness like a flock
 D C G D
53. And he led them on safely, so that they feared not
 D C G A
 But the sea overwhelmed their enemies
 G D A D
54. And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary
 G D A D
 Even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased
 --- D C G D
55. He cast out the heathen also before them
 D C G A
 And divided them an inheritance by line
 D C G D
 And made the tribes of Israel
 D C G A
 To dwell in their tents
 G D A D
56. Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God
 G D A D
 And kept not his testimonies:
 --- D C G D
57. But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers
 D C G A
 They were turned aside like a deceitful bow
 D C G D
58. For they provoked him to anger with their high places
 D C G A
 And moved him to jealousy with their graven images
 G D A D
59. When God heard this, he was wroth
 G D A D
 And greatly abhorred Israel
 --- D C G D
60. So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh
 D C G A
 The tent which he placed among men
 D C G D
61. And delivered his strength into captivity
 D C G A
 And his glory into the enemy's hand
 G D A D
62. He gave his people over also unto the sword
 G D A D
 And was wroth with his inheritance

- D C G D
 63. The fire consumed their young men
 D C G A
 And their maidens were not given to marriage
 D C G D
64. Their priests fell by the sword
 D C G A
 And their widows made no lamentation
 G D A D
65. Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep
 G D A D
 And like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine
- D C G D
 66. And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts
 D C G A
 He put them to a perpetual reproach
 D C G D
67. Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph
 D C G A
 And chose not the tribe of Ephraim
 G D A D
68. But chose the tribe of Judah
 G D A D
 The mount Zion which he loved
- D C G D
 69. And he built his sanctuary
 D C G A
 Like high palaces
 D C G D
 Like the earth which he
 D C G A
 Hath established for ever
 G D A D
70. He chose David also his servant
 G D A D
 And took him from the sheepfolds
- D C G D
 71. From following the ewes
 D C G A
 Great with young
 D C G D
 He brought him to feed
 D C G A
 Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance
 G D A D
72. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart
 G D A G D
 And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands



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