

MONDAY

March 4

Remembering History and the Praise of God

Read Psalm 105. What historical events and their lessons are highlighted in this psalm?

PSALM 105:1-4:

1 O give thanks unto the **Lord**; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all His wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the **Lord**, and His strength: seek His face evermore.

“Evermore” = Tawmyid (taw meed)

from an unused root meaning to stretch; properly, continuance (as indefinite extension); but used only (attributively as adjective) constant (or adverbially, constantly); ellipt. the regular (daily) sacrifice:--

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8 THIS SEEKING THE LORD, HIS FACE, HIS STRENGTH CONTINUALLY.

ISIAH 58:11-14

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done;
his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of
Jacob his chosen.

7 He *is* the **Lord** our God: his judgments are in all the
earth.

8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the
word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

9 Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his
oath unto Isaac;

10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and
to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
the lot of your inheritance:

12 When they were *but* a few men in number; yea,
very few, and strangers in it.

13 When they went from one nation to another, from
one kingdom to another people;

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he
reproved kings for their sakes;

15 *Saying,* Touch not mine anointed, and do my
prophets no harm.

Psalm 105 recalls key events that shaped the covenantal
relationship between the Lord and His people Israel. It focuses
on God's covenant with Abraham to give the Promised Land to him

and his descendants, and how this promise, confirmed to Isaac and Jacob, was providentially fulfilled through Joseph, Moses, and Aaron, and in the time of the conquest of Canaan. The psalm gives hope to God's people in all generations, because God's marvelous works in the past guarantee God's unchanging love to His people in all times (*Ps. 105:1-5, 7, 8*).

ALL WHO PROFESS TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD I WOULD INVITE TO CONSIDER THE HISTORY OF THE ISRAELITES, AS RECORDED IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH, THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH, AND THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH PSALMS. BY CAREFULLY STUDYING THESE SCRIPTURES, WE MAY BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE MORE FULLY THE GOODNESS, MERCY, AND LOVE OF OUR GOD. . 8T 107-8T 107.1

Psalm 105 resembles Psalm 78 (see yesterday's lesson) in highlighting God's faithfulness to His people in history, and it does so in order to glorify God and to inspire faithfulness. However, unlike Psalm 78, Psalm 105 does not mention the people's past mistakes. This psalm has a different purpose.

"MOREOVER, BRETHREN, I WOULD NOT THAT YE SHOULD BE IGNORANT, HOW THAT ALL OUR FATHERS WERE UNDER THE CLOUD, AND ALL PASSED THROUGH THE SEA; AND WERE ALL BAPTIZED UNTO MOSES IN THE CLOUD

AND IN THE SEA; AND DID ALL EAT THE SAME SPIRITUAL MEAT; AND DID ALL DRINK THE SAME SPIRITUAL DRINK: FOR THEY DRANK OF THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT FOLLOWED THEM: AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST. BUT WITH MANY OF THEM GOD WAS NOT WELL PLEASED: FOR THEY WERE OVERTHROWN IN THE WILDERNESS." THE EXPERIENCE OF ISRAEL, REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE WORDS BY THE APOSTLE, AND AS RECORDED IN THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTH PSALMS, CONTAINS LESSONS OF WARNING THAT THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THESE LAST DAYS ESPECIALLY NEED TO STUDY. I URGE THAT THESE CHAPTERS BE READ AT LEAST ONCE EVERY WEEK. . TM 98-TM 98.2

Instead, in Psalm 105, history is retold through the lives of Israel's greatest patriarchs, showing God's providential leading and the patriarchs' patient endurance of hardships. The patriarchs' perseverance and loyalty to God were richly rewarded. Thus, Psalm 105 invites people to emulate the patriarchs' faith and trustingly wait on God's deliverance in their time.

Psalm 105 possesses a hymnal note (*Ps. 105:1-7*), showing that in order to truly praise God, God's people need to know the

facts of their history. History provides both validation for our faith and countless reasons for praising God.

The worshipers are addressed as the seed of Abraham and children of Jacob (*Ps. 105:6*), thereby deeming them to be the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham to make of him a great nation (*Gen. 15:3-6*). The psalmist underscores the continuity between the patriarchs and the subsequent generations of God's people. The psalmist stresses that "His judgments are in *all the earth*" (*Ps. 105:7, NKJV*; emphasis supplied), thereby admonishing the worshipers not to forget that "our God" is also the sovereign Lord of the whole world and that His lovingkindness extends to all peoples (*Ps. 96:1, Ps. 97:1*). It is, clearly, a call to faithfulness to every generation of believers.

How should we, as Seventh-day Adventists, see ourselves in this line of people, from Abraham on? (See Galatians 3:29.) What lessons should we learn from this history?