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Lessons of the Past

Read for This Week's Study: Psalm 78, Psalm 105, Gal. 3:29, Psalm 106, Psalm 80, Num. 6:22-27, Psalm 135.

Memory Text: "Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done" (Psalm 78:3, 4, NKJV).

TUESDAY

March 5

Remembering History and Repentance

Read Psalm 106. What historical events and their lessons are highlighted in this psalm?

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Psalm106:1 Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can declare all His praise?

3 Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor You have toward Your people; Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

5 That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

Psalm106: 6 We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.

>>> We have sinned in like manner

Psalm106: 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea--the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.

Psalm106:10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed His words; **They sang His praise.**

13 They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

Psa 106:14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

Psa 106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

Comment: **tempted God in the desert**

Psalm106:16 When they envied Moses in the camp, And Aaron the saint of the Lord,

17 The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram.

18 A fire was kindled in their company; **The flame burned up the wicked.**

Psalm106: 19 **They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.**
20 Thus they changed their glory **Into the image of an ox that eats grass.**

Comment: **They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.**

Psalm106: 21 **They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,**

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.

Comment: **They forgot God their Savior,**

Psalm106:24 **Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,**

25 But complained in their tents, And did not heed the voice of the Lord.

26 **Therefore He raised up His hand in an oath against them,** To overthrow them in the wilderness,

Comment: **They did not believe His word**

Psalm106:27 To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead.

29 **Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds,** And the plague broke out among them.

30 Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.

31 And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore.

Comment: **they provoked Him to anger with their deeds**

Psalm106:32 They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

33 **Because they rebelled against His Spirit,** So that he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the Lord had commanded them,

35 But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;

36 They served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

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Psalm106:37 They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,

38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

Psalm106:40 Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance.

41 And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand.

the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity

Eze 39:23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

Eze 39:24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

Lam 3:31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

Lam 3:32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Lam 3:33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

Psalm106:43 Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry;

45 And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

46 He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive.

47 Save us, O Lord our God, And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.

48 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!

Psalm 106 also evokes the major events in Israel's history, including the Exodus, sojourn in the wilderness, and life in Canaan. It stresses the heinous sins of the fathers that culminated in the generation who was carried into exile. Thus, the psalm almost certainly was written when the nation was in Babylon, or after they had returned home, and the psalmist, inspired by the Holy Spirit, recounted for God's people these historical incidents and the lessons that the people should have learned from them.

This psalm, too, as the others, points to God's faithfulness to His covenant of grace, by which He saved His people in the past (*Ps. 106:45*). It expresses hope that God will again show favor to His repentant people and gather them from among the nations (*Ps. 106:47*). The plea for present deliverance is not some wishful thinking, but a prayer of faith based on the assurance of God's past deliverances (*Ps. 106:1-3*) and the unfailing character of God's faithfulness to His covenant with His people.

The recollection of Israel's historical failures in Psalm 106 is an integral part of the people's confession of their sins and acknowledgment that they are not better than their forefathers. The present generation admits that it is even worse than its ancestors because it knew the consequences of the past generations' iniquities and how God exercised His great patience and grace in saving them, even though they had deliberately walked in wicked ways in the past. If this were true for them, think about how much more so for us, today, who have the revelation of God's character and saving grace as revealed in Jesus and the cross.

The good news of Psalm 106 is that God's steadfast love always prevails over the people's sins (*Ps. 106:8-10, 30, 43-46*). The key role of Moses and Phinehas in turning away God's wrath points to the significance of Christ's intercession on behalf of believers. Only personal experience of God's grace can transform a past story into *our* story.

Psalm 106:13 reads: "They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel" (NKJV). Why is that so easy for us to do in our own lives, as well?