

Keeping Testimony – Psalm 78

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Rev 19:10 – power of testimony

(Ps 78:1, 4-7) ¹ Give ear, O my people, to my **law**; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ⁴We 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. ⁵For He established a **testimony** in Jacob, and appointed a **law** in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; ⁶That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, ⁷that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments;

1. Testimony = Word & Works

Tabernacle of Testimony (Ex 38:21), Ark of Testimony (Ex 25:16, 21)

Inside Ark - Two Tablets of Testimony/Ten Commandments (Ex 31:18) Heb 9:4

Before Ark (God) – Manna (Ex 16:33-34*), Aaron's Rod (Nu 17:10) - **works**

Before Ark (Moses) – Book of Law (Deut 31:24-26)

Dedication of Solomon's Temple – only Tablets in Ark (1 Ki 8:9)

* Manna to be kept for Generations

King Joash: Testimony = Book of Law (2 Ki 11:12)

Forgetting the Works is only Keeping Half of the Testimony.

(Isa 8:19-20) ¹⁹And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰To the **law** and to the **testimony**! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

(Mt 22:29) ²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the **Scriptures** nor the **power** of God.

2. Full Testimony Necessary for Generations to “set their hope in God”.

Rules without Power leads to not Keeping Commandments

(Ps 78:9-11) ⁹The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows (fully equipped), turned back in the day of battle. ¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, ¹¹and forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them.

Word & Works tied together; can't lose one without neglecting the other (generations)
(Ps 78:18-22) ¹⁸And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy. ¹⁹Yes, they spoke against God: They said, “Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? ²⁰Behold, He struck the rock, so that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?” ²¹Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel, ²²because they did not believe in God, and did not trust in His salvation.

Faith Issue: Unbelief in Works Leads to Unbelief of Word (generations)

(Ps 78:41-42) ⁴¹Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They did not remember His power:

Unbelief Limits God's Works

(Mk 6:5-6) ⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

They would only accept word, not works.

(Ps 78:56) ⁵⁶Yet they tested and provoked the Most High God, and did not keep His testimonies,