

# LOOKING BACK OVER YOUR LIFE

## I. PSALM 136 – GOD’S LOVE

*“His lovingkindness is everlasting.”* As you look back over your life, you need to know that God has been loving you every day, every step of the way, and in every situation. Through good times and bad, God has loved you. Psalm 23:6

## II. NUMBERS 33 – OUR JOURNEYS

This speaks about the journeys of the Jews when they were in the desert. The lesson for us is that God leads us on the different journeys He has for our lives, and leads us where He wants us to go. Psalm 32:8, Proverbs 16:9

## III. DEUTERONOMY 8 – GOD TEACHES AND TRAINS US

- A. God was humbling the Jews, for He didn’t want them to be proud, but to be trusting Him, to be having faith in Him.
- B. God was disciplining them, and teaching them to obey Him.
- C. God was leading them, teaching them to follow Him and His lead.
- D. God wanted them to know that He was going to bless them, and that the blessing, entering the Promised Land, would come at the end of their journey.
- E. God didn’t want them to forget Him or what He was teaching them.
- F. These lessons apply to us, to our lives, and our journeys.

## IV. PSALM 105 – GOD’S WONDERFUL WORKING WITH THE JEWS

- A. The conclusion is that we are to worship the Lord, to give thanks to Him, to seek Him, to tell others about Him.
- B. This is a reminder of God’s promise to Abraham and the Jews.
- C. This tells us that God protected His people.
- D. God works through individual people, like Joseph.
- E. God was sovereign over the Jews, and is sovereign over your life.
- F. God was faithful to His promise to Abraham, and He is faithful to you.

## V. PSALM 106 - THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE AND THE PATIENCE OF GOD

- A. This Psalm start with praise and thanks being given to God. Psalm 100:4
- B. This chapters describes in detail the sins of the people. They rebelled. They forgot God. They worshiped idols. They did not believe God’s word. They grumbled. They provoked God to anger. They mingled with the nations. They did not destroy the enemy. The lesson is that we are not to sin against God.

- C. God brought His people into the Promised Land, but they continued to sin against Him, and so He punished them by exiling them to other countries.
- D. God had compassion on His people, and remembered His promise, and so He brought them back to the promised land.
- E. The lesson is that, as Christians, we are in the Promised Land, and we are to be living holy lives.

## VI. PSALM 78 – THE SIN OF THE PEOPLE AND THE MERCY OF GOD

- A. The Jews sinned against God, but He continued to show them mercy. Their primary sin was that they didn't believe God's promises.
- B. God disciplined His people, but their response was not fully righteous.
- C. The Jews forgot God, and this is a lesson to us, that we are to not forget God.

## VII. NEHEMIAH 9

This is an extensive summary of the history of the Jews, from the time of God's working with Abraham clear up until the time of Nehemiah. Again, we read of the people's sin, and God's continued patience to them. God continues to show us His patience and mercy through all the years.

## VIII. ACTS 7

- A. This summarizes the history of the Jews from the time of Abraham until the time of Solomon, with a focus on Moses.
- B. Again, we read about the sin of the Jews, and that which was seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> century Jews, and which resulted in Stephen's death.
- C. In reality, this chapter takes us from Abraham to Jesus Christ, which is, on one hand, the lesson in all these passages, that everything in Israel's history is leading towards Jesus Christ, the Savior. Philippians 1:21

## IX. LESSONS FOR US

- A. Learn from the lives of the Jews, and God's working with them.
- B. Be holy, and don't sin, but obey God.
- C. Remember God's promises to you.
- D. See and be thankful for God's kindness, mercy and patience towards you.
- E. Know that God has been working in your life, and will continue to do so in 2020.

YOU, O LORD, ARE A GOD MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS,  
SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABUNDANT IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TRUTH.  
Psalm 86:15