

Ancient

Present

Future

Faith

O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old — ³ what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

⁵ He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, ⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Psalm 78:1–7

An Ancient Faith

A Faith Rooted In the Past

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Psalm 78:2–3, 5

OUR LONG WAR AGAINST
GOD'S IMAGE

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Isaiah 8:20

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3

A Present Faith

A Present Experience of Faith

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Psalm 78:7

And **without faith it is impossible to please God**, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is **by faith from first to last**, just as it is written: “**The righteous will live by faith.**” Romans 1:17

I have been reminded of **your sincere faith**, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, **now lives in you also.** 2 Timothy 1:5

A Future Faith

A Faith for the Future

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Psalm 78:4–6

OUR LONG WAR AGAINST
GOD'S IMAGE

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Deuteronomy 6:5–7

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Timothy 2:2



APPLYING
THE
WORD

The Ancient, Present,
Future Table

