

Listening Guide: Pastor Frank R. Johnson
"Looking Back to See Ahead"
Psalm 78

Take a closer look.

I. LOOKING BACK IS A POWERFUL MEANS OF _____ . vv. 1-8

1. *This instruction uncovers the collected _____ of time. vv. 1-2*
2. *This instruction uncovers the repeated _____ of God. vv. 3-5*
3. *This instruction empowers our _____ on the next generation of people. vv. 4-8*
 - a. We gain _____ to influence the next generations.
 - b. We gain _____ to influence the next generations.
 - c. We gain a _____ of such influence—in leading the coming generations to put their trust in God (v. 7) and to avoid the sins and unfaithfulness of those who came before.

II. LOOKING BACK IS A POWERFUL MEANS OF _____ AND _____. vv. 8-65

Asaph reviews the sordid history of Israel's disobedience and _____.

III. LOOKING BACK IS A POWERFUL MEANS OF BUILDING _____. vv. 65-72

1. *The poet remembers not only the correcting acts of God, but also His _____ acts. vv. 65-68*
2. *He reviews how God established His _____ among the people through the choice of a temple site. v. 69*
3. *He remembers how God chose _____ for the people, taking David from tending sheep to guiding the nation. vv. 70-72*

Take it home (applications).