

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

2-25-18 Ken Carlton

Title: ROCK VS. WIND

Main Text: Psalm 78:32-40

Aim: TO INSPIRE COVENANT FAITHFULNESS CONSIDERING COVENANT CONSEQUENCES...

Sermon Description: Isaiah prophesied to a people that fell under the condemnation of Psalm 78 and illustrated well its abiding truth. Is 29:13-16 “And the Lord said: Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men...”. The prophet continues to rebuke confronting the people for turning things upside down as if the potter ought to be regarded as the clay. This passage and our text today emphasizes the fallout and futility of trusting the words of men over the Word of God. Since the fall in Eden, our sinful condition could be characterized as a war of words. The Word of God vs. the word of His enemies: the devil, and all who seek to exalt themselves as an authority over the Most High. The hope found in this chapter of Israel's history also reaches back to the early pages of Genesis. God had covenanted with Noah promising not to utterly destroy the earth again. God keeps His promise at this time even though His people do not keep theirs. Our only hope is in YHWH whose very name is 'Covenant Keeper'...

Heading: ...WHEN WE EXALT OUR WORD OVER THE WORD OF GOD...

1. HIS WONDERS REMAIN UNCONVINCING (Ps 78:32,40)

- a. Center point & structure
- b. Deaf ears (32, Lk 16:29-31)
- c. Rebellion & grief (40)

2. WE LANGUISH IN VANITY (Ps 78:33,39)

- a. Days as breath (33, Ec 3:19-22)
- b. Years in terror (33)
- c. Despair as judgement (39)

3. CALAMITY INSPIRES SUPERFICIAL REFORM (Ps 78:34,38)

- a. He killed them (34, Is 45:7)
- b. Worldly grief (II Cor 7:9-10)
- c. Grace & mercy (38)

4. OUR CONFESSION FALLS SHORT OF COVENANT (Ps 78:35-37)

- a. Names by contrast (35)
- b. Covenant fruit (Dt 28:1-6, 15-20, 29:18-19, Heb 12:12-15)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Potter & clay	Rock & wind	Vanity	Godly grief	Covenant fruit	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Is 29:13-16	Ps 78:32-40	Ecc 3:19-22	II Cor 7:9-10	Dt 28:1-6, 15-20	Heb 13:10-15

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Hebrews 13:10-15... Outside the camp...