

What People Did, What God Did

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I. Introduction.

A. Many people consider the Old Testament of lesser value.

B. The teachings of the Old Testament are indispensable—the Israelites are an example for us. (Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10)

C. Text: Psalm 106.

II. What God's people did. (Psalm 106:13-14)

A. They forgot what God did for them.

1. God's resources are not exhausted, but we forget what he has done.

2. We are commanded to remember.

B. They waited not. (Joshua 9)

1. The people of God did not wait upon God—they acted hastily.

2. Paul modeled patience for others, and we are called to do the same. (2 Timothy 3:10)

C. They tested God's word. (Numbers 11)

1. The people of God remembered the wrong thing.

2. The basic problem is unbelief. (Psalm 78:17-22)

3. Evidence of unbelief is complaining.

4. We reflect the same attitude when we suffer from nostalgia and comparing ourselves to others.

III. What God did. (Psalm 106:15)

Application questions:

1. What important milestones do you want to make sure you remember in your life with God?

2. How might greater patience manifest itself in your daily life? What would it look like?

3. Why is it important to refrain from comparing ourselves with others? Explain.
