

A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 78:1-7 *Said by half verse*

¹ Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

² I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

³ That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers
have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

⁴ We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and
the power of the Lord, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

⁵ He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

⁶ That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

⁷ So that they might put their trust in God, *

and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.