

November 26, 2017  
Sermon Notes  
Psalm 80:1-19

Expect more this Christmas:

1. Rely on God's power
2. Remember God's Past faithfulness
3. Believe God's Promises

Psalms 33:9 ESV

9 For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Psalms 135:6 ESV

6 Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

Luke 24:49 ESV

49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:14 ESV

14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

How tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.

Ephesians 1:19-20 (Phillips Translation)

Give me one divine moment when God acts, and I say that moment is far superior to all the human efforts of man through the centuries.

Dennis Kinlaw

Grumbling, whining, and thanklessness are not ultimately the heart's responses to circumstances, but to God.

Battling Spiritual Amnesia:

**1. Think**

Psalms 77:12 ESV

12 I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

**2. Thank**

Psalms 9:1 ESV

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**3. Tell**

Joshua 4:21-22 ESV

And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in times to come, 'What do these stones mean?' 22 then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'

#### 4. Traditions

#### 5. Transcribe

##### **God is always near and will ever forsake you**

Psalms 37:28 NLT

28 For the Lord loves justice, and he will never abandon the godly. He will keep them safe forever, but the children of the wicked will die.

##### **God has good plans for you**

Jeremiah 29:11 NLT

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

##### **God listens to you when you pray**

Jeremiah 29:13 NLT

13 If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

##### **God will forgive you when you fail**

Micah 7:18 ESV

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Our problem in the evangelical church isn't, I believe, that we aren't trained well enough to grasp the hard teachings of the Bible, but that we are too worldly to believe the plain promises of the Bible.

R.C. Sproul

What will you expect of God this Christmas?