I. The Overview of Book III in Psalms gives an overview of Redemption’s History.

 A. Seeing God in history is the best way to understand the present.

 1. There is hope in history because then and now God is Sovereign.

 2. There is hope in history because then and now God is Faithful.

 B. Note the major history lesson of Psalm 78.

 1. This compares to the history lessons of Acts in the speeches of Peter & Paul.

 C. Question for today: Is the current generation being taught these lessons?

 1. The level of hope is in direct proportion to this knowledge or ignorance.

II. The first psalm, Psalm 73 introduces the timeless question, “How can we “live well?”

 A. Examples of people “living well” are filled with plenty of “the wicked.”

 B. If the wicked prosper, why be a believer? Believers want to trade places.

 C. We are reminded of what’s wrong with, “The Bible says it…that settles it.”

III. The Echoes of Leviticus (the giving of the Law) can be heard in Book III.

 A. “You were more fun before you became a Christian.”

 B. In Leviticus, God’s regulations leave little room for the imagination.

 C. The seriousness of sin is undeniable.

 D. The call to a holy life is clear. Holy and Happy do not always go hand in hand.

 1. Book III is all about holy and happy.

IV. “Christian Education 101” is taught in Psalm 78

 A. Compare the speeches in the Book of Acts for the NT connection.

 B. If fraternity pledges can recite the Greek alphabet holding a burning match…

 1. Making the quick connection between David and Jesus is a must.

V. “Christian Education 101” is taught in Psalm 85

 A. What is the connection between Leviticus 16 and Calvary?

 B. Why does this connection necessitate the book of Galatians?

 C. Why does this connection necessitate knowing the order of Moses and Abraham?

VI. Psalms 86-89 can be summarized in one word – Grace.

 A. These songs of Grace repeat the refrain of the ages.

 1. Compare Psalm 86:15 with: Exodus 34:6; Numbers 14:18; Nehemiah 9:17

 B. Acts 20:24 reminds us there is only one gospel.

 C. This gospel is built on a person – connect with Leviticus 16.

 1. The atoning sacrifice: “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

VII. Psalm 89 concludes the book with the message of the ages.

 A. “I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever…”

 B. “With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all ages.”

 C. “Even when we are faithless, You remain faithful.”

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| *“Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;**There is no shadow of turning with Thee.* | *Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;* *Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.”* |