

Psalm 78:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.

Analysis

For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works—the phrase bə-kol-zō't (for all this) indicts persistent unbelief despite escalating revelation. The niplā'ōt (wondrous works) piled up—sea-crossing, rock-water, manna, quail—yet produced no lasting faith. Miracles don't create belief; they confirm it in the willing and harden it in the rebellious.

Jesus acknowledged this principle: 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead' (Luke 16:31). After His resurrection, some worshiped while 'some doubted' (Matthew 28:17). Hebrews 3:12 warns: 'Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelief heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.' Faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17), not merely witnessing His works.

Historical Context

This verse summarizes the forty-year pattern: rebellion at Kadesh despite previous miracles, golden calf after Sinai, Korah's revolt after vindication, serpent plague after provision. Each generation repeated the cycle, proving hereditary transmission of religion doesn't equal heart-transformation.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What miracles or answers to prayer have you witnessed yet still struggle with unbelief in present trials?
2. How does Israel's pattern expose the inadequacy of 'if I could just see a miracle' thinking?

Interlinear Text

בְּכֹל זֶה אָתָּה סְתָאָו יְלָא עַד יְאָמֵן כִּי

H3605 H2063 For all this they sinned H5750 H3808 still and believed

בְּנֵפֶל אָזְתִּיו:
not for his wondrous works

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 78:22 (Faith): Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

John 12:37 (Faith): But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:

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