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**Sermon: Lust**

**Scripture: Psalm 78:1-38**

**Main Message: Lust ultimately means that we do not trust in God.**

When you want something really, really bad, what do you call it? Well that depends on what that something is of course as well as the emphasis you place upon it. If you want to draw closer to God, we might call that a wholesome desire. If you want sex, with your spouse, that is also a wholesome desire. If you want a juicy scrumptious steak or whatever you might fancy because you're hungry, then that is a natural desire to eat.

However, if you aren't really hungry, but you just feel like eating, and you are craving food because you just want to indulge, then that is called something else altogether. If you want sex with someone, other than your spouse, that is called something else altogether. If you want life the way you want it, and ignore God or fit Him in only when it is convenient, than this is not wholesome. We have all done these things.

**Read Psalm 78 (KJV)**

Our problem is the same as the Israelites. We want things that we do not have. We get bored with our lot in life. We want the progress that we want and we expect God to deliver. This is a trust problem. We know intellectually that God is trustworthy, but we don't wait *upon* Him. We want it on our timeline. Manna from heaven simply isn't good enough if that is all we've had for the last few weeks. And though in our hearts we rebel, God is still merciful to us.

HOWEVER, there is a better way.

**Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:1-13**

Paul has put us all in remembrance, including myself, to seek diligently living a virtuous life. The world in which we live won't understand it. It is corrupted and we are constantly at risk of being dragged into it, but we can escape it by doing those things exactly as Paul told us. More and more of each of these things will keep us on the path of perfection and we will then bear much fruit.

Be Fruitful and multiply.