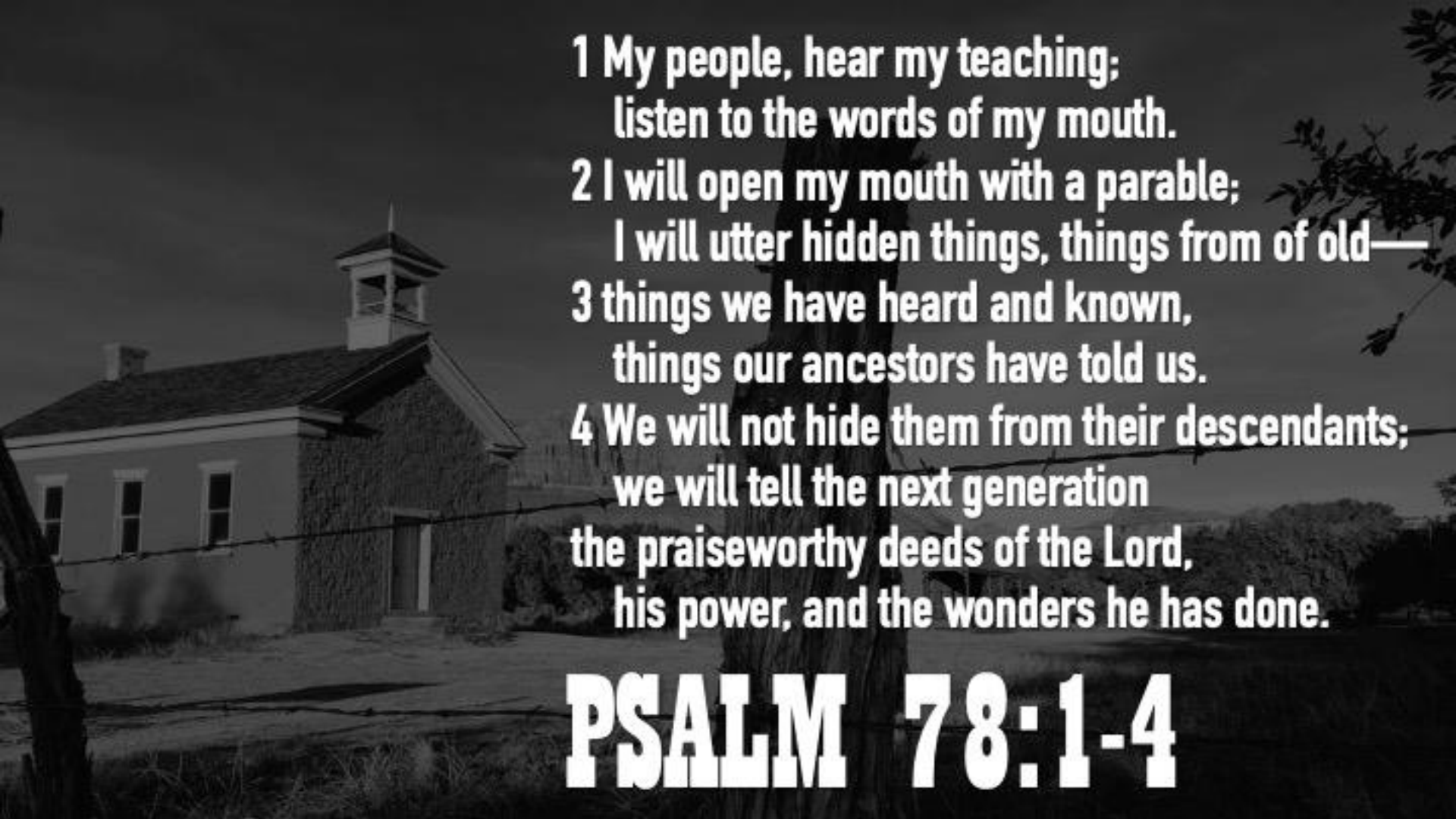


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PSALM 78:1-4



HONORABLE MEMORY
GEORGE WASHINGTON
GIBSON, UNION CO.
S. CAROLINA, JUNE 17
1800.
DECEMBER 17
1871.

ROBERT M.
BERRY

BORN

FEB. 3, 1841.

KILLED BY INDIANS

APR. 2, 1866.





LEGACY

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Legacies Don't Lie

- Acts of rebellion (vv. 40-41)
- Making God jealous (vv. 58-59)
- Consequences of a life without God (vv. 59-64)
- A failure to take up the fight (v. 9)
- Whining and complaining (vv. 18-20)
- Forgetting that life is made up of many hills and valleys (vv. 52-56)
- A bright, but uncertain future (vv. 68-72)