

ANOTHER GENERATION

Judges 2:10

Consider the calamity of a God-ignorant generation

I. CLOSINGS

A. THAT GENERATION - See v. 7

1. Those who served the Lord
2. Those who survived Joshua
3. Those who saw the Lord's great works

B. GATHERED TO THEIR FATHERS

- They died

II. CONDITIONS

- The ignorant next generation ...

A. THEY DO NOT KNOW THE LORD

1. Perhaps they were not taught to know Him
2. They are unskilled when it comes to the wisdom or ways of God
3. Unable to worship intelligently
4. Undiscerning between what is godly and godlessness

B. THEY DO NOT KNOW THE LORD'S WORKS

1. They are unaware of what He did or why He was important
2. They could not repeat many of the details of His historical deeds

III. CONSIDERATIONS

- Their condition relates these truths ...

A. THEY ARE UNMINDFUL OF JOSHUA'S CHARGE - Josh. 13:7 and 18:2-3

1. Go and divide the land (13:7)
2. Stop delaying in your duty (18:2-3)

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B. THEY ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE “WITNESS” ALTAR - Josh. 22:26-29

1. That was erected to help them remember to serve God (27a)
2. That was built to remind them that they were one nation under God (27b)

C. THEY ARE UNIMPRESSED BY THEIR HISTORY (24:1-13)

- You can't appreciate what you don't know

1. Abraham's travels to Canaan (2-3)
2. Jacob's flight to Egypt (4)
3. Moses leading Israel out of Egypt (5-7)
4. God giving victories in battles (8-12)
5. Abundant blessings being poured out on their descendants (13)

D. THEY ARE UNCOMMITTED TO THEIR COVENANT - Josh. 24:21-27

1. We will serve (21)
2. We will obey (24)
3. You should remember (25-27)

E. THEY ARE UNINSPIRED BY GOD - Judges 1:1-3

1. They asked: Who shall take the land (1)
2. God answered: Judah shall go (2)
3. Their response: Judah thought they needed Simeon's help (3)

F. THEY ARE UNWILLING TO TEAR DOWN IDOL ALTERS - Judges 2:1-5

1. Disobedience: Forsaking their responsibility (2)
2. Weeping: Rather than repenting (4)

IV. **CAUSES**

- Their condition suggests these items

A. DEFECTIVE EDUCATION

- Religious education was not important in their homes

B. A TOLERATION OF EVIL - See 1:27-33 and 2:3

C. A DISTANCE FROM OBEDIENCE AND VICTORIES

D. CIRCUMSTANCES OF EASE

- They hadn't fought the battles or stood against evildoers

V. CURES

- Remedies for this God-ignorance

A. PLANT: Teach the Word

B. PERSONALIZE: Apply the Word

C. PRY: Ask what they're thinking or questioning

D. PROD: Encourage and inspire godly living and worship

E. POKE: Confront and correct wrongdoing

F. PRAY: That what you're doing will have an impact and that God will be glorified

CONCLUSION

Let's seek to impact our children and grandchildren so that are not the generation that's ignorant of God and His works.