

Theme: God calls His people to live with a multi-generational perspective, focusing on how the faith will be passed on to the generations to come.

I. Intro – Heirlooms/Purdy Memory Book

- A. Concept of family heirlooms
- B. These are valuable, but not the faith
- C. Frank Purdy – memory books of God’s work
- D. This is similar to Psalm 78

II. The Task – Teach the Next Generation

- A. The teacher, his teaching, and his students
 - 1. The teacher speaks (v1)
 - 2. Explain difficult things from life/history (v2; Pro 1:6)
- B. The audience – the next generation
 - 1. Multi-generation chain (v3; v4; Ps 44:1; 145:4)
 - 2. Spiritual generations too (2 Tim 2:2)
 - 3. Four generations! (Psa 78:3-4; 6)

III. Message – God’s Word, God’s Deeds

- A. We must pass on the Word of God
 - 1. Commanded to teach torah (v5)

2. Shema/great command – Deut 6:4-7

3. This is the basis – if not, all is subjective

B. We must pass on stories of God’s mighty acts

1. Praiseworthy deeds, power, wonders (v4)

2. Redemptive history (78:12)

3. Must also tell personal history (Psa 107:8-9)

IV. The Goal – They Walk With the Lord

A. They walk with Lord – trust, remember, obey

B. Alternative – turn away – disloyal, unfaithful

V. Applying the Word

A. Do we see God’s heart for the generations?

1. He is not just interested in today

2. Do we have a heart for the generations?

3. We have been blessed – passing it next generation?

B. Are we actively passing the faith on?

1. Parents – discipling your children?

2. Everyone – helping (example, service, prayer)

C. A blessing ceremony

1. Jeremy C – intro and elders pray
2. Jeff and Sandy – thanks and gift
3. KS 5-9 year olds sing
4. Elders pass on blessing to kids (parents can too!)
5. Craig plays music during this time

Living with A Multi-Generational Perspective

Psalm 78:1-8
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Blessing of the Children
Numbers 6

6 for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. Proverbs 1:6

1 We have heard with our ears, O God; our fathers have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago. Psalm 44:1

4 One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim 2:2

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:4-7

12 He did miracles in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan. Psalm 78:12

8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, 9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:8-9