

AND THERE AROSE ANOTHER GENERATION JUDGES 2:6-14

Text: Judges 2:10

(Judges 2:10) "And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

Introduction:

What is so different about this generation we have just read about? The Bible says that knew not the Lord nor the works which the Lord had done.

We are now living in a day when emphatic independence is being replaced with ecumenical inflation. Why is it that men have begun to mingle with that from which they were once separated from?

We have traded preaching for teaching, power for popularity, godly wisdom for education, follow-ship for fellowship, the Bible (KJV) for bargains.

When we think of men who paid the price and paved the way for independent fundamental Baptist, our

hearts are saddened by what we see taking place today. Many churches, ministries and pastors that once stood strong and independent are now weak anemic ecumenist. The philosophy of infiltration instead of separation has now crept into the Church.

Why is this all taking place? I am convinced that it is the result of being second generation, or piggy back fundamentalist. When we look at scripture I believe that we can see a very close parallel to what is taking place today in the text that we have read this evening.

Notice after Joshua died that there arose another generation. That generation knew not the Lord or the works in which He had done. I believe that one reason that this new generation went the wrong direction was because that first generation failed to communicate and educate or teach the second generation the things that God had instructed them to teach them and how they came to the place that they were at. Notice the command given to these, concerning instructing the second generation as well as the third generation.

Read Deut 4:9, 6:1-25, 11:18-23

Now that this second generation is on the scene, many have no clue as to why Independent Baptist became Independent Baptist. This clueless epidemic has resulted in a fatal disease known as New Ecumenism. This disease has resulted in many that were once

healthy vibrant Independent Baptist to becoming very spiritually sick. There are many churches today that once stood independently and separated to God from the world who are now holding hands at meetings like Promise Keepers, with others who may have never been born again. Others have returned to that place that many men were greatly persecuted and ostracized for leaving, the Southern Baptist Convention. Still others have gone so far as to remove Baptist from their church name. I believe that it would have been better for these who have compromised to have never known, than to have known it and turn from it.

(2 Peter 2:21-22) "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. {22} But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

Just as the new generation after Joshua's death turned aside because of failing to know all that the Lord had done for them resulting in their very existence, today's generation of Independent Baptist are guilty of the same.

Notice with me this evening these important principles from God's Word as we consider "The second generation Fundamentalist"

1. THE MANDATE

(Deuteronomy 4:9) "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;"

A. Personal mandate

1. Take heed. (Beware)
2. Keep thy soul diligently (Hedge about)
3. Lest thou forget

B. Secondary mandate

1. Teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-12) "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: {7} And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. {8} And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. {9} And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

{10} And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, {11} And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; {12} Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

2. MESSAGE (DEUT 6:20-25)

(Deuteronomy 6:20-25) "And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath commanded you? {21} Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: {22} And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: {23} And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. {24} And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. {25} And it shall be our righteousness, if we

observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."

- A. Where we came from.
- B. How we got here.
- C. Why we do what we do.

3. MEASURE (DEUT 4:9; 11:18-23)

(Deuteronomy 4:9) "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;"

(Deuteronomy 11:18-23) "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. {19} And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. {20} And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: {21} That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth. {22} For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I

command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; {23} Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves."

A. But teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons.

B. Lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul.

C. Shall teach them your children.

D. Shall write them upon the door posts of the house.