

The Generation to Come

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Psalm 78:1-4

- What Can the Righteous Do? – Psa. 11:3 “If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”

Regarding children, parents typically concern themselves with three things:

- Providing for them.
- Educating them and preparing them to be adults.
- Leaving them a legacy.
- Should the Bible play in addressing those concerns?

What Is Your Foundation?

- The foundation of goodness can only be the Bible – Mat. 7:24-27.
- Timothy’s upbringing – 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15; Phil 2:19-20.
- The “households” of the book of Acts – Cornelius', Lydia's, the jailer's...
- Jdg. 2:10-12 – too many today do not know God! Cf. Mal. 2:13-16.
- Israel was destroyed for lack of knowledge – what about our families? Hos 4:6; Pro. 13:15.

The Need for Faithful Guidance

- Gen. 18:19 – Abraham – Will we command our children and keep the way of the Lord?
- Israelite parents – Deu. 6:6-7; 2 Tim. 2:2 – Do we faithfully teach what we have been taught?
- The plagues in Egypt – Exo. 10:1-2 – Do we teach the consequences of sin?
- The Passover – Exo. 12:26-27 – Will we purge out the old leaven so we can teach “that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”? (1 Cor. 5:7).
- Mat. 7:13-14 – The Narrow Way is the Safest Way!

The Place for Bible Training

- Parental responsibility – Pro. 22:6.
- Fathers – bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord – Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21.

- To fail in this is to cause to forget the Lord (Deu. 6:12) and go after false religions (6:14) or unbelief.
- This is the way that previous generations hid God from their children! – Psa. 78:4.

Decision...

- Pray often! – Lk. 18:1; Rom. 12:12.
- Make sure that every member of the family has a Bible and is taught to use and care for it – Psa. 119:11.
- Plan ahead for educating the family – Eph. 6:4.
- Prioritize applying the Bible in daily life – Col. 3:17; 23-25.
- Do not be guilty of hiding God from anyone!

A House That's Built with Love

Without love, a house is just a house --
a ceiling, walls and floor,
But fill that house with faith and love
and it becomes much more.

A home is where your dreams come true
for love abides, you see,
And love makes a house a home
regardless of pedigree.

Home's a shelter from the storms of life
and sanctuary too,
For loved ones wait behind the door
to hug and comfort you.

It's a home where God is honored
and the Bible's often read,
And there the children seek Him
before they go to bed.

Home may be a simple shanty
beneath the stars above,
But blessed are those who dwell within
a house that's built with love!

~Clay Harrison