

Restoring The Generational Bridge

For those who desire to seek deeper into the Kingdom of God, this Letter is purposed to Challenge one who does to think about the following Question:

What was it that has been received in past revivals that we need to pass on today?

Holy Ghost is challenging us to think and search for His answer to this question!

Some of us can recall the powerful revivals that moved through many nations in the 1960's and 1970's and even in the 1990's! But even if you are one who experienced actual participation in them, it is imperative that we think about specific issues, principles and revelations that must be transmitted by faithful stewards to future generations!

[Note: In most of the current churches and fellowships there are multitudes who have never experienced the outpouring of the Holy Ghost! Why? Mostly it is due to the false teaching and cultural belief system perpetuated by leaders who have strayed from the foundational Light of Christ. Holy Ghost is mentioned in name only and Not invited into the services in Person!]

The Generational Bridges has been Broken! [We are Not only speaking of chronological age differences, but also the generational gap in discipleship! Holy Ghost has been Shut out... rather than "Shouted out" in Honor and Glory of His working Presence! There is great failure to pass on the truth of Christ's Light to future generations! Church has been converted to events of performance rather than Passion to experience God Himself!

Once in a while in dire crisis, God uses someone to speak a profound Truth of the Kingdom! During the Second World War when all was totally bleak and "it looked like" the end of freedom loving nations were nearly over due to Hitler ideology, Winston Churchill wisely spoke a "word" of encouragement: "If we lose the past, we lose the future!"

What if we forgot the past or were never taught it? Divine wisdom points us to the fact that the Bible is filled with warning about that! Malachi 4:5-6 warns that if fathers and sons hearts are not turned toward each other, a curse will follow. Were it Not for the New Testament, the last word in the Bible would be "curse;" a curse caused by our broken generational relationships with God and man. [Note but is a Blessing instead: Revelation 22:21 "Amen." (So Be It)]

Exodus 1:8 records, "there arose a king who did Not know Joseph." Then came slavery, strife and plagues, destruction, loss of sons and of resources. Daniel chapter 7 relates to us that there arose a king in Babylon who didn't know who Daniel was, even though Daniel had served Nebuchadnezzar, had been appointed president, interpreted dreams and become a famous Israelite in Babylon. Daniel was a prophet whose insights are still relevant to us. They help us understand the events of the Great and Terrible Tribulation of AD 64 through AD 70 that Totally Changed the earthly "Law" of worship by blood in the killing of animals as sacrifice for atonement of sins forever Divinely Changed to the heavenly Law of the Spirit of forgiveness (atonement) in Jesus Christ, Son of Father God!

These "facts" have Not been passed on to the generations of nations! But when the finger of God (the Holy Spirit) wrote on the wall that Belshazzar's kingdom had been "weighed in the balance and found wanting," someone remembered Daniel, but it was too late. Babylon was captured! Concerning AD 70, Jesus had prophesied that Not a stone would remain standing regarding Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:2 (AMP)

2 And He said to them, "Do you see all these things? I assure you and most solemnly say to you, not one stone here will be left on another, which will not be torn down."

The Roman army was His “mode” of judgement upon the apostate city!

Jesus spoke of the coming “abomination of desolation” in the Olivet Discourse as He referenced a future event mentioned in Daniel 9:27... the abomination of desolation.

In Matthew 24:15–16, Jesus says, “So when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place . . . then those in Judea must flee to the mountains.” [Note: An abomination is “something that causes disgust or hatred”; and desolation is “a state of complete emptiness or destruction.” Jesus warned that something (or someone) that people detested would stand in the temple someday. When that horror occurred, residents of Judea should seek cover without delay. Other translations speak of “the abomination that causes desolation” (NIV), “the sacrilegious object that causes desecration” (NLT), and “that ‘Horrible Thing’” (CEV). The Amplified Bible adds the note that the abomination of desolation is “the appalling sacrilege that astonishes and makes desolate. “Jerusalem became Desolate!]

A question becomes, when, after Jesus’ day, was the abomination of desolation prophecy fulfilled? Or are we still waiting for fulfillment? The preterist view (for our study is the view of which HGMI subscribes). Which is that Jesus’s warning in Matthew 24:15 concerned events leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. [

Note: Read THE WARS OF THE JEWS OR HISTORY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM By Flavius Josephus

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In this view, the abomination of desolation occurred during the Roman occupation of Jerusalem when the Roman army brought their heathen images and standards into the temple courts. The futurist view, sees the abomination of desolation prophecy as still future. The modern church has consumed the ideology of Darby John Nelson (18 November 1800 – 29 April 1882) as promoted within and throughout global seminaries by his confidant, C.I. Scofield. Cyrus Ingerson Scofield (19 August 1843 – 24 July 1921) was an American theologian, minister, and writer whose distributed annotated Bible popularized futurism and dispensationalism among fundamentalist Christians.

[Note: Much of the enthusiasm for mobilizing fundamentalism came from Protestant seminaries and Protestant “Bible colleges” in the United States. Two leading fundamentalist seminaries were the Dispensationalist Dallas Theological Seminary, founded in 1924 by Lewis Sperry Chafer, and the Reformed Westminster Theological Seminary, formed in 1929 under the leadership and funding of former Princeton Theological Seminary professor J. Gresham Machen. Many Bible colleges were modeled after the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Dwight Moody was influential in preaching the imminence of the Kingdom of God that was so important to dispensationalism. Bible colleges prepared ministers who lacked college or seminary experience with intense study of the Bible, using the Scofield Reference Bible of 1909, a John Darby heretical King James Version of the Bible with detailed notes which interprets passages from the Dispensational perspective. The modern church continues to promote this interpretation and labels it inherent. A deep study of the authorization of development of the King James will reveal the scope of mainline scholars who were chosen to produce it. It was a very selective group who for the most part negated the work of such theologians as Martin Luther 1483-1546, William Tyndale 1494-1536, John Calvin 1509-1564, John Knox 1513-1572.

Returning to our study of Generational Bridges, empires arise and empires fall when they cease to pass on their founding principles! Today, you can probably name a city or village named after a well known person, and even possibly live there, but still Not know who they were or what they did. There is No connection and No content.

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Yes, even some churches can be named after some person or principle, but members do Not know what or who that was. Then they begin to fade. Broken generational bridges cause broken futures! Churches born in revival fires can become ashes!

Where there was the life of the “Fire” of Holy Ghost and manifest “shouts” due to effectual work of the Gifts of the Spirit in signs and miracles of the Kingdom of God, there are very few “shouts” in the lack luster of mainline church worship services.

How do we Build Generational Bridges?

The answer is evident in the scriptures of the teachings of Jesus as recorded by Holy Ghost's endued inspiration to write! Psalm 145:4... **“One generation shall praise your works to another.”** When we do that, God's work continues!

First Kings 19 reveals the account of Elijah and Elisha, two of God's anointed prophets. The Lord led Elijah to cast his mantle upon Elisha; then Elisha followed Elijah.

He would Not be distracted but kept his eyes on Elijah... he watched and learned as a true disciple does. One day he saw Elijah taken up to heaven and cried out: “My father, my father.” Elijah's mantle fell and Elisha picked it up!

Then, he cried out, **“Where is the Lord of Elijah?”** [NOTE: Elisha did Not ask where Elijah was, but where is his God?! Miracles continued because the Generational Bridge was strong! Elisha experienced twice as many miracles during his appointed ministry than did Elijah!

How did that happen? They spent quality time together, they knew one another, they were in close fellowship with each other. They were in spiritual agreement! Elisha was determined to learn from his mentor! The Light of Truth traveled over a Bridge of love and connection!

We could dwell upon David's love for Solomon, and how he provided for Solomon to build the “Temple of the Lord” for a dwelling place instead of the homeless wandering wilderness tent of atonement that was mantled and dismantled as God moved Israel to multiple locations. But David did more than provide... he generously prepared Solomon spending time in prayer and by sharing his own experiences with God working in his life. David was divinely favored of God and esteemed by nations due to divinely imparted wisdom. The Psalms reveal David's love toward God and God's reward toward David. It was David who had taught the next generation (his son Solomon) humility and honor toward God Almighty!

It is an awesome experience to read the magnitude of David's love of God as demonstrated in the dedication, prayer and celebration of the completion of the dream of David to provide the first structural House of God! [Note: Examine the entire Book of 1 Kings Chapter 8]

Provision is important, but Not the same as Preparation! [Note: Many parents provide but fail to prepare.] As wise as Solomon was, he provided for his successor, Rehoboam, with massive wealth. But, he did Not prepare Rehoboam, who then ignored the wisdom of the Past and immediately lost rulership over ten of the twelve tribes of Israel!

Another Bridge Builder was Paul, a chosen forerunner to build the Kingdom of Christ. He mentored Timothy. In 1st and 2nd Timothy, he is instructed to teach what he had heard from Paul to faithful men who would teach others. Notice that there are four generations: Paul, Timothy, faithful men and others also. The Bridge between those generations was to be strong and it was! It has been through the elements of time for we have a record of them in Paul's writings and because we still have those principles prepared in the Light of Truth in Jesus Christ!

Jesus, Himself, is the Greatest Bridge Builder! He imparted the Kingdom of God via knowledge and experiences into His divinely chosen 12 disciples.

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The Bible records an additional 70 who drew close to Him and then 120 who dedicated their lives to Him. They were rewarded with empowerment of Holy Ghost as their reward of faithfulness.

Holy Ghost is the One Who Provides and Prepares us in God's Love to extend the Kingdom of God through the Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit to Build the Generational Bridge!

Is it too late to Build Bridges to the next Generation? Regardless of age or gender, we have witnessed the upsurge of depression, suicide, drugs, gender confusion and other issues confronting the emerging generations. Lately all cultures and humanity itself is challenged with rapidly emerging artificial intelligence. These are overwhelming challenges presented by social media and so easily accessible to dramatically change societies. Is there hope? Yes, if we take responsibility to rebuild in the foundation of the Kingdom of God! So how can we conquer this formidable task? What did our fathers receive that we must pass on?

God is Love and "Truth in love" is powerful!

The Bible is clear as to the Steps to employ:

John 3:16 (Amplified Bible...AMP)

16 "For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Isaiah 55:6-7 (AMP)

6 Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call on Him [for salvation] while He is near.

7 Let the wicked leave (behind) his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts;

And let him return to the Lord, And He will have compassion (mercy) on him,

And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (AMP)

14 and My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.