

A GODLY GENERATION DIES

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"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. "{Judges 2:10-12}

Joshua, the leader of Israel through the period of conquest, has now died at the age of 110. The people were faithful all the days of his life. Were the people without leadership? Of course not! What about God? What about the law which He had given them? All the warnings which they had not heeded were now bringing grave consequences.

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children. "{Deuteronomy 4:9,10}

If they had only listened to God and heeded these words given to them by Moses.

What happened? The people forgot to teach their children about God. Yes, they probably taught them some things, but had not lived the example of a God fearing people before them. That generation did not give them the information concerning God which would cause them to respect and fear God. Did these people have any fear about disobeying God, or following the pagan gods of the land they were given by God?

Do we teach our children about God or just bring them to church? If we just bring them to church we may end up having the same problems this nation faced! ***